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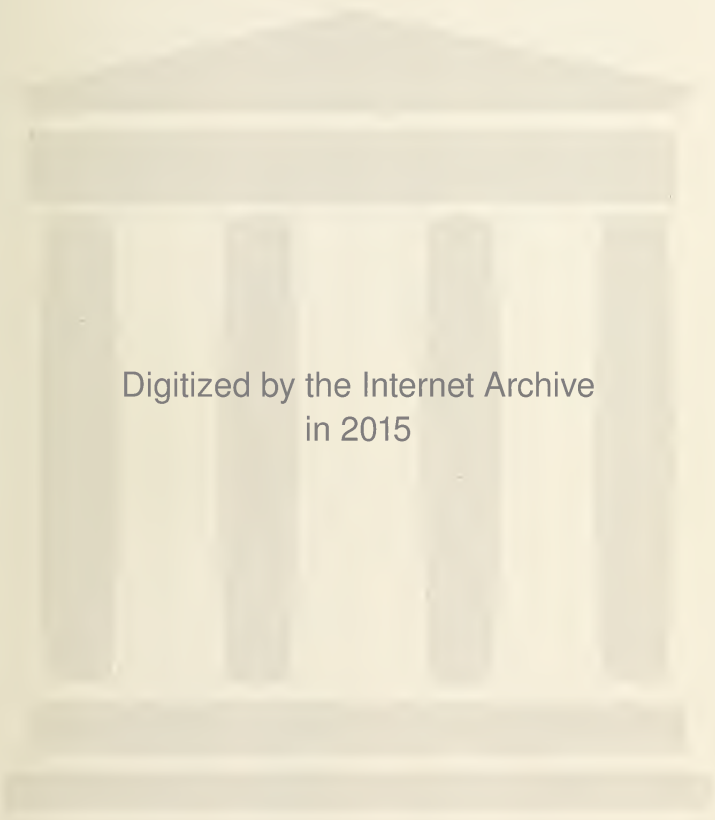
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MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Traphill Baptist Church
September 26, 27, 28, 1941

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator Hays, N. C.

A. C. YALE, Clerk Hays, N. C.

The next session will be held with Roaring Gap Baptist Church, about 6 miles North of Traphill, N. C., beginning on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1942. Elder S. L. Blevins to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. Z. Adams, alternate.

DIRECTORY

Executive Committee

Elder S. L. Blevins	Hays, N. C.
Grady F. Miller	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Elder A. B. Hayes	Hays, N. C.
John McGrady	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Trelia Kilby	Reddies River, N. C.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Blevins, S. L.	Hays, N. C.
Blevins, T. E.	Dehart, N. C.
Cothren, Grant	Traphill, N. C.
Hayes, A. B.	Hays, N. C.
Hayes, J. E.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Johnson, Lester	Hays, N. C.
Miller, D. C.	Hays, N. C.
Pruitt, Gar	Dehart, N. C.
Richardson, Charlie	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Sparks, L. E.	Moxley, N. C.
Walsh, T. J.	Walsh, N. C.
Absher, Alfred	Kannapolis, N. C.
Adams, J. Z.	Benham, N. C.
Absher, J. M.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Blevins, J. A.	Hays, N. C.
Barker, B. H.	Roaring River, N. C.
Bullis, H. A.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Burcham, Jno.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Curry, G. W.	Benham, N. C.
Gambill, Arthur	Moxley, N. C.
Hanks, Uriah	Dehart, N. C.
Houck, Wade	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Lyon, T. M.	Traphill, N. C.
Lyon, J. F.	Traphill, N. C.
Murray, L. B.	State Road, N. C.
Miller, E. O.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Nix, W. V.	Traphill, N. C.
Caudill, C. M.	Hays, N. C.
Pruitt, G. W.	Roaring River, N. C.
Shew, J. C.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Staley, A. A.	Wilbar, N. C.
Yates, J. V.	Cricket, N. C.

The first 11 are pastors in Stone Mountain Association

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasuretr, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Association mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of **public speech**.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its 45th annual session with Traphill Baptist Church September 26, 1941, at 10 o'clock A. M. Song by Traphill choir, "Take Time to Be Holy." Devotional conducted by Elder Grant Cothren, reading a part of the 133rd Psalm. Prayer offered by Elder J. C. Pipes. Song, "This Is My Story," &c.

Introductory sermon by Elder A. B. Hayes. Text, "God is love." At the conclusion of Bro. Hayes' sermon the choir sang, "God, Plant My Feet on Higher Ground." Prayer offered by Elder L. E. Sparks.

The Moderator, Elder C. M. Caudill, asked those bearing letters from their respective churches to please hand them in. 20 were handed in and read by the Clerk, A. C. Yale, assisted by Mrs. V. Winfrey Luffman, after which the Moderator announced the Association ready to elect a Moderator and Clerk. On motion by Bro. Howard Royal we elect Moderator by private ballot. Elder C. M. Caudill's name was placed in nomination by Bro. John R. Jones. Bro. J. A. Gilliam was placed in nomination by Bro. V. Winfrey Luffman. After vote count Bro. J. A. Gilliam was declared elected Moderator.

On motion reelected Bro. A. C. Yale Clerk by acclamation.

Song, "Am I A Soldier of the Cross." The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Temperance—Elders J. A. Blevins, Jno. Burcham and Bro. J. V. Wallace.

Periodicals—Elder J. C. Pipes, Bro. C. C. Gambill.

Christian Education—Elder W. V. Nix, Bro. V. W. Luffman, Elder J. Z. Adams.

Finance—Bros. H. E. Elledge and Howard Royal.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to correspondents and visitors. Bro. Sowel Woodruff from Alleghany Association, Bro. R. C. Cothren from Primitive Association, Mrs. Earl James from Surry Association, Elder J. A. McMillan from Thomasville Orphanage, Bro. M. L. Lewis, Hendersonville, Elder J. C. Pipes, Asheville, accepted seats with us. Prayer offered by L. E. Sparks.

12:00 M. Dinner.

1:00 P. M. Association reassembled. Song, "In the Cross," &c. Prayer by Elder Jno. Burcham, after which Elder J. A. McMillan, in a very forceful manner, discussed the Orphanage work.

Committee on Temperance report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The question of manufacturing and drinking of strong drink is no longer a question of right or wrong. It is a question as to how much effort God's people are going to put forth to retard its growth in this great land of ours. It is not only destroying minds, souls and bodies of our young men but it's beginning to infringe on the morals of our fairer sex. Do we not feel it is time to unite our prayers and efforts to halt this terrible menace to our American youths?

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BLEVINS,

JOHN BURCHAM,

J. V. WALLACE, Committee.

Read by the Clerk. Motion to adopt. Discussions by Elder J. A. Blevins, Elder Jno. Burcham, Bro. Harrison Warren and Elder G. Cothren. Report adopted.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Missions—Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, Elders J. E. Hayes and C. M. Caudill.

Ministerial Relief Board—Bros. W. M. Pruitt, V. M. Harrold.

Hospitals—Bros. C. C. Gambill, Marshall Higgins and I. H. Sebastian.

Orphanage—Mrs. Glenn Dancy, Bros. H. J. Spicer and L. G. Billings.

Arrangements—Bros. C. C. Gambill, R. M. Johnson, Dewey Nicholson and Elders A. B. Hayes and S. L. Blevins.

Religious Exercises—Delegates of Traphill Church.

Then took up the discussions on Missions. Discussed by Mrs. V. Winfrey Luffman and Mrs. Earl James.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Knowing the value of religious training, we your Committee on periodicals, wish to submit the following report:

First we urge that Baptist literature be used so far as practical in all of our Sunday Schools and that we seek to get the Recorder in the homes of all our people and that we endeavor to get a club of Charity and Children in every Sunday School. We further urge that in order that we may know more about our mission work we urge our people to subscribe to our Home Mission Magazine and The Commission.

A. B. HAYES,
J. C. PIPES, Committee.

Report read by Elder A. B. Hayes.

Motion to adopt. Discussions by Elders A. B. Hayes, J. C. Pipes and M. L. Lewis, S. L. Blevins and Bro. Samuel Woodruff. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report no services for tonight. On motion adjourned until tomorrow 9:00 o'clock A. M. Prayer offered by Elder J. Z. Adams.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

Saturday, Sept. 27, 1941

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Singing, "Glory to His Name" and "Rock of Ages." Devotional conducted by Elder J. Z. Adams, reading 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Elder J. A. Blevins. Moderator asked if there were others bearing letters to please hand them in. Four were handed in and read by Mrs. V. W. Luffman and Mrs. W. V. Nix, after which the Moderator extended an invitation to correspondents and visitors. Rev. Frank Peeler, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church was introduced by Bro. V. Winfrey Luffman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

First, we are taught from the Bible that the laborer is worthy of his hire and we take this to mean the preacher and we find him neglected, especially when he is worn out and not active in pastoral work.

The churches are too much inclined to forget him when he is no longer able to perform his several duties. Therefore be it resolved, that we all keep him in mind when his physical strength is gone and see he does not want.

Second. And whereas there is a rule in the modern churches to retire the preacher at 40, just when he is experienced enough to successfully take care of his church. It is said life begins at 40. May we in the Stone Mountain Association be more realistic than modern and retain the preacher through his useful years and thereby we will eliminate many retirements.

W. M. PRUITT,
V. M. HARROLD, Committee.

Report read by Bro. W. M. Pruitt. Motion for adoption. Discussions by Bro. W. M. Pruitt, Bro. J. Y. Brooks, Bro. C. C. Gambill, Elder J. A. Blevins.

The Moderator, Bro. J. A. Gilliam, called for pledges and the following were received:

Elder J. A. Blevins, Bethel	\$5.00
Elder S. L. Blevins, Maple Grove	5.00
Bro. Frank Huffman, Union	5.00
Bro. V. Winfrey Luffman, Pleasant Ridge.....	10.00
Bro. C. C. Gambill, Maple Grove	5.00
Bro. H. J. Spicer, Piney Grove	5.00
Bro. R. C. Dancy, Mt. Zion	5.00
Bro. J. V. Wallace, Fairplains	5.00
Bro. J. R. Absher, Flint Hill	5.00

Adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The purpose of the Baptist Orphanage is to prepare orphans for the duties and responsibilities of life. These children are received between the ages of 2 and 12 and dismissed according to preparation rather than age. From 50 to 100 applications are received each month. The children are taught to work, study and play. The church life of the orphanage is one of the most important phases of the work. There were twelve boys and twelve girls in the graduating class of 1940 in the Mills Home. Each of these were active church workers and were professing Christians. There has been about 275 boys and girls who have gone through Kennedy Home since its establishment. Every one of these made a profession of faith in the Lord before leaving that institution.

It is the profound duty of the Baptists to take care of these children. They belong to us to care for and we urge that each church in the Stone Mountain Association take the once-a-month offering and send it to the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GLENN DANCY, Committee.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The beginning of wisdom is to fear God but the end of it is to love Him. Christian education consists of a trained heart combined with a trained mind. Daniel Webster said, "Knowledge does not com-

prise all which is contained in the large term of education. The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be restrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and a pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. All this is comprised in education."

Baptist schools and colleges such as Wake Forest, Meredith and Mars Hill provide a religious atmosphere for their students and train them in Baptist doctrine. We strongly urge parents to consider the value of Christian environment to their boys and girls and to give them this advantage. Baptist offerings help to make these schools possible and we should support them with our money and our prayers. In Proverbs, Solomon gives us this assurance: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN,
W. V. NIX, Committee.

Read by V. Winfrey Luffman. Motion for adoption. Discussed by V. W. Luffman, Elder W. V. Nix, Bro. Smith Hagaman. Adopted. Song, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?"

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital is just now completing additions to its plant that increases its bed capacity from 108 to 300. This will enable the hospital to treat 10,000 patients each year. Of this number, we may expect 3,300 of them will be service patients; that is, not able to pay a hospital bill. 3,300 will be mothers who have waiting for their return home, 10,000 children. If the present rate is maintained, 200 will be preachers for whom no charge has been made for the last two years or more.

The hospital has a staff of 100 doctors: these are all specialists in the many fields of medicine and surgery.

The hospital runs a well-equipped standard Training School for Nurses. These are taken from as nearly every section of the state as possible. A class of about 50 will be taken each year, making a school of 150.

The Medical Building of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College is now completed and the school opened the first of September of this year. While the Medical School and the Hospital will be closely related and mutually helpful in every department, they will remain separate institutions, controlled by separate Boards of Directors and supported from different sources.

Everything contributed to the hospital goes to the support of the hospital exclusively. The Mother's Day Offering by the churches is used entirely for the service of patients not financially able to pay for treatment.

The spiritual side of the hospital's service is stressed always. The Hospital has a full time pastor supplied by the generous donation of Mr. C. M. Scott of High Point. This pastor, Rev. Charles E. Parker, in addition to his many activities with the patients and their families and friends, teaches a course in Bible in the Nurses Training School.

The various organizations of our women and young people are

rendering a vast service to the hospital in supplying linens of all kinds—such as sheets, pillow cases, towel, washclothes, etc.

Our vastly enlarged program, of course, will require increased support.

C. C. GAMBILL,
L. M. HIGGINS, Committee.

Read by Bro. C. C. Gambill. Motion for adoption. Discussed by Bro. Smith Hagaman, Bro. Harrison Warren. Adopted.

12:00 M. Prayer offered by Elder S. L. Blevins.

Dinner.

1:00 P. M. Association reassembled. Song, "Work, For the Night Is Coming," &c. Prayer, Elder J. A. Blevins leading.

Pastor and Church Relations report read by A. C. Yale.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

Pastor means Shepherd. Isaiah 50:6 says: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom." Christ told Peter to "Feed My lambs." These are they who are newly converted to Christ. They need such instructions as will promote their growth in Grace, and that which enables them to discharge their duties to Christ and the church. Many a young disciple of Jesus is left a spiritual orphan for lack of proper training to action and duty.

The pastor is also to feed the sheep, that is, the elder members of the church. They need such food as will stimulate them to a growth in Christianity and to acting well their part in the Kingdom of Jesus.

Life is too short and souls too precious for the pastor and flock to live idly, pretending to be in Christ's vineyard. The duty of the church to the pastor is to loose him to the full work of the ministry.

The laws of the land enjoin that their officers shall be compensated. The Apostle says that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel, that is to say, they shall live by that occupation.

They who preach for stipulation only are unfit for pastors, and they who serve churches for nothing are unfit for pastors. The pastor should visit the sick and visit the homes of every member of his church and pray with and instruct them. The church should love and pray for their pastor, and to see that his temporal needs are supplied.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. YALE, Committee.

Motion for adoption. Discussions by Elder B. F. Peeler, Elder S. L. Blevins, Elder J. Z. Adams, Elder J. A. Blevins. Report adopted. After which the Moderator appointed the following Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, viz: Bro. Harrison Warren, Bro. Jno. McGrady, Bro. V. W. Luffman.

Then instructed the Clerk to have 600 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to the several churches as usual and to retain any funds that may be left over for his services.

Report on missions read by Elder J. A. Blevins.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Missions is one phase of the kingdom work that should appeal to every saved man or woman, giving them opportunity to work in carrying the message of life and salvation to a lost world.

J. A. BLEVINS, Committee.

Motion to adopt. Discussions by Elder J. A. Blevins, Mrs. V. W. Luffman, Bro. W. M. Pruitt. Adopted.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher report:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M.

Place: Roaring Gap Church.

Preacher: Elder S. L. Blevins; alternate, Elder J. Z. Adams.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School work in the development of child life is an important work of God's Kingdom. We should maintain an all year Sunday school in all our churches and accept the responsibility of training the boys and girls who must do their part in the drama of life. A good Sunday School is the church's greatest opportunity for soul winning. Therefore, let us try to fulfill the great command of our Master, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," beginning in our community through our Sunday Schools.

JOHN McGRADY.

Report read by Bro. John McGrady. On motion the report was adopted. Discussions deferred until tomorrow.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: We return our thanks for the fine hospitality Traphill Church and community has shown us and we pray God's blessings on them.

Respectfully submitted,

V. W. LUFFMAN,

B. F. PEELER,

J. Z. ADAMS, Committee.

On motion the following brethren were appointed for Executive Committee: Elder S. L. Blevins, Grady F. Miller, Elder A. B. Hayes, John McGrady, Treliia Kilby.

On motion we waive that part of resolutions adopted by this Association last year with reference to election of officers at the close of Association instead of at the beginning.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow, 10:00 A. M. Prayer by B. F. Peeler.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

10:00 A. M. Association met as appointed. Singing, "Stand Up For Jesus," and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Devotional conducted by Mrs. W. V. Nix, reading a part of the 26th chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer offered by Elder S. L. Blevins, after which took up the discussion of the Sunday School work, Bro. Charlie Miles leading in the discussion, followed by Elder S. L. Blevins, Bro. W. C. Lyon, Bro. Jno. A. Holbrook, Mrs. Johnce Gentry, Mrs. Marshal Higgins, Rev. J. F. Lyon, Miss Ada Settle, Mrs. W. V. Nix.

Song, "He Leadeth Me."

Elder Carl A. Cockerham brought the message, reading a part of the 15th chapter of St. Luke for scripture lesson. His subject was, "A Poor Rich Man and A Rich Poor Man." At the conclusion of this wonderful sermon Elder J. Z. Adams made some remarks, after which the congregation joined in singing and a general hand shake. Thus closed the 45th annual session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association. May each one of us treasure up the things we have been listening to during the sitting of this Association.

May Heaven's richest blessings rest upon you all till we meet again.

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator

A. C. YALE, Clerk.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Baptist Home—Jno. R. Jones, Jno. McGrady, J. F. Adams.

Bethel—H. E. Elledge, J. Y. Rhodes.

Benham—C. B. Settle, E. W. Smith, J. A. West.

Chestnut Grove—McKinley Absher, J. A. Childers, John Walker.

Dehart—R. E. Huie, R. B. Brown, J. Y. Brooks.

Elk Spur—Jno. A. Royal, Howard Royal, Marvin Lyon.

Flint Hill—Russel Absher, Othie Call, D. V. Brown.

Fairplains—W. G. Sebastian, J. V. Wallace, Arthur Warren.

Haymeadow—I. H. Sebastian, V. M. Harrold, T. P. Harrold.

Knobbs—John Lyon, C. S. Lyon, C. R. Snow.

Mt. Pisgah—L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher, Bruce Billings.

Mountain Valley—J. C. Kilby, A. T. Shumate, Trelia Kilby.

Mt. Zion—H. T. Turner, R. C. Dancy.

Maple Grove—R. M. Johnson, Alfred Brown, Mrs. Glenn Dancy.

Mountain View—A. Caudill, C. E. Billings, W. J. Woodruff.

New Light—Geo. D. Smith, Clifton Pevette, W. E. Parks.

Oak Grove—T. L. Spears, Noah Griffin, S. E. Owens.

Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, J. W. Mayberry, J. W. Huie.

Pleasant Ridge—V. W. Luffman, M. M. Lyall, B. W. Carter.

Roaring Gap—Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, H. H. Warren, W. W. Callo-way.

Stony Ridge—McKinley Billings, Sankie Wiles, G. B. Crabb.

Traphill—Mrs. Ruth Billings, Paul Holbrook, Mrs. W. V. Nix.

Union—I. R. Vannoy, C. C. Watson, Frank Huffman.

Walnut Grove—W. M. Pruitt, McCoy Higgins, J. F. Blevins.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Received from churches:

For Minutes and Clerk	\$40.10
For Hospitals	2.30
For Ministerial Relief	.80
Total	\$43.20

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee and otherwise:

For Minutes	\$43.30
For Hospitals	2.30
For Ministerial Relief	.80
Total	\$46.45

Paid to Clerk:

For Minutes	\$43.30
For Hospitals	2.35
For Ministerial Relief	.80
Total	\$46.45

A. C. YALE, Treas. Ex Officio.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Received by Baptism, 67; received by letter, 25; received by restoration, 1; Total, 93.

Lost by letter, 58; lost by exclusion, 3; lost by death, 23; Total, 84.
Net gain, 9.

OUR DEAD ARE

Baptist Home—Mr. L. F. Jennings.

Bethel—Mrs. Rhoda Blevins.

Dehart—Mr. Austin Brown.

Fairplains—Mr. Charles Shepherd.

Haymeadow—Mrs. Bertha Teague.

Mt. Pisgah—J. O. Billings, Deacon R. M. Waddell.

Maple Grove—Mr. T. B. Wheatley.

New Light—Mr. McCager Johnson, Mrs. Matildy Johnson.

Piney Grove—Deacon A. J. Billings.

Roaring Gap—Mr. J. G. Woodruff, Mr. Newton Blackburn,
Mr. Ranzo Lyon, Mrs. Carrie Crabb, Mrs. Dora Holcomb.

Traphill—Deacon T. T. Billings, Mrs. Dossie Casey Bauguss.

Union—Mr. Frank Reeves, Mrs. Mary Ann Eller.

Walnut Grove—Mrs. Lucindy Adams, Mr. Geo. E. Blevins,
Mrs. Julia Ann Myers.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Stone Mountain Association, Year Ending Sept., 1941

CHURCHES	Is it in Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS			LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures						Deaths
Baptist Home	C	1880	S. L. Blevins, Hays	4	129	2	1	2	1	1	1	129	yes	1	1	1	
Bethel	C	1886	Jimmie Bryant	2	156	2	2	1	2	1	1	155	no	1	1	1	
Benham	C	1919	G. Cothren, Traphill	3	115	2	2	1	1	1	1	118	yes	1	1	1	
Dehart	C	1819	Guy Brooks, Springfield	2	75	1	2	6	1	1	1	71	no	1	1	1	
Chestnut Grove	C	1900	Lester Johnson, Hays	2	73	6	1	1	1	1	1	74	no	1	1	1	
Elk Spur	C	1900	Guy Cox, Traphill	2	53	2	1	1	1	1	1	55	no	1	1	1	
Flint Hill	C	1922	Charlie Richardson, N. Wilkesboro	3	89	2	1	1	1	1	1	91	no	1	1	1	
Fairplains	V	1900	S. L. Blevins, Hays	3	230	2	1	7	1	1	1	224	yes	1	1	1	
Haymeadow	C	1905	T. E. Blevins, Springfield	3	157	1	1	1	1	1	1	156	no	1	1	1	
Knobs	C	1906	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	4	90	9	1	1	1	1	1	99	no	1	1	1	
Mt. Pisgah	C	1879	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	1	94	1	1	1	1	1	1	91	no	1	1	1	
Mountain Valley	C	1902	D. C. Miller, Hays	2	80	3	9	1	1	1	1	91	no	1	1	1	
Mt. Zion	C	1898	J. C. Pruitt, North Wilkesboro	4	98	7	2	1	1	1	1	110	yes	1	1	1	
Maple Grove	C	1932	S. L. Blevins, Hays	1	106	4	1	4	1	1	1	68	no	1	1	1	
Mountain View	V	1918	A. B. Hayes, Hays	4	68	5	1	1	1	1	1	109	no	1	1	1	
New Light	C	1899	P. C. Parks, Cycle	2	108	1	3	1	1	1	1	50	no	1	1	1	
Oak Grove	C	1905	T. J. Walsh, Walsh	4	53	1	3	6	1	1	1	150	no	1	1	1	
Piney Grove	C	1888	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	4	154	3	3	1	1	1	1	176	no	1	1	1	
Pleasant Ridge	C	1907	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	4	165	8	3	1	1	1	1	134	no	1	1	1	
Roaring Gap	C	1902	G. Cothren, Traphill	1	140	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	no	1	1	1	
Rock Springs	C	1904	Not Represented	1	143	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	yes	1	1	1	
Stony Ridge	C	1905	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	3	67	8	2	1	1	1	1	132	no	1	1	1	
Traphill	V	1887	G. Cothren, Traphill	1	91	1	1	1	1	1	1	238	yes	1	1	1	
Union	C	1911	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	3	133	1	1	1	1	1	1	238	yes	1	1	1	
Walnut Grove	C	1902	Gar Pruitt, Dehart	1	239	6	4	1	1	1	1	238	yes	1	1	1	

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1941

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Postoffices	Cradle Roll, under 3										Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 Years Up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Have you a Mission S.S.	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms From S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A1?	Teachers hold diplomas	
Baptist Home	Clifton Byrd, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	14	16	14	18	13	32	8	no	114	82	yes	no	no	9												
Bethel	Mrs. Clair Brown, Hays	10	10	8	9	10	15	9	no	71	45	2	no	no	9												
Benham	J. D. Luffman, Ronda	24	11	21	39	20		9	no	124	48	no	no	no	1												
Dehart	Not Given	3	9	12	5	14	5	6	no	54	28	6	no	no	1												
Chestnut Grove	Estelle Rhoades, Radical	16	15	10	21				no	62	46	no	no	no													
Elk Spur	Howard Royal, Traphill	8	18	19					no	50	29	no	no	no													
Flint Hill	D. V. Brown, North Wilkesboro	10	24	15	18	12	32	5	no	116	57	2	no	no													
Fairplains	J. V. Wallace, North Wilkesboro	23	22	30	35	12	44	10	no	166	90	yes	no	no													
Haymeadow	U. M. Harrold, Hays	12	13	7	20	23		8	no	83		1	yes	no													
Knobbs	Not Given	12	25	20					no	57	35	7	no	no													
Mt. Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery	5	4	8	10	12	5	16	8	no	68		no	no													
Mountain Valley	Trelia Kilby, Reddies River	5	7	10	20	15	15	17	6	no	95	80	no	no													
Mt. Zion	Lawrence Shumate, Reddies River		8		8	18			no	34	22	no	no	no													
Maple Grove	Glenn Dancy, Hays	10	12	10	15	12	21		no	80	72	6	yes	no													
Mountain View	C. E. Billings, Hays	12	14	16	18			7	no	67	35	no	no	no													
New Light	George D. Smith, Roaring River	4	8	12	9	15	10	7	no	68	48	5	no	no													
Oak Grove	Not Given																										
Piney Grove	M. H. Gambill, Moxley	10	20	25	20			5	no	80	75	3	no	no													
Pleasant Ridge	B. W. Carter, State Road	7	22	25	21	12	22	55	4	175	115	8	yes	no													
Roaring Gap	J. E. DeJournette, Thurmond	5	11	9	13	22	20		no	80	57	yes	no	no													
Rock Springs	Not Represented																										
Stony Ridge	O. F. Richardson, Lomax	25	22	15					no	62		no	no	no													
Traphill	John A. Holbrook, Traphill	8	6	14	9	12		6	no	55	30	no	no	no													
Union	Olen Whittington, Reddies River	10	6	15	15	6	6	4	no	62	50	no	no	no													
Walnut Grove	Rev. Gar Pruitt, Dehart	5	10	10	15	18			no	58	46	no	no	no													

TABLE V—Church Property of Stone Mountain Association Year Ending Sept., 1941

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rms.	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Baptist Home	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1926 wood	400	1	1	*	\$8	2000	\$2075	.....	\$1500
Bethel	H. E. Elledge, Hays	yes	1887 wood	350	1	1	1	1	1575	1575	.....	.....
Benham	C. B. Settle, Benham	yes	1919 wood	300	1	1	1	1	2000	2000	.....	.....
Dehart	R. E. Huie, Dehart	yes	1915 wood	300	1	1	1	1	1000	1000	.....	.....
Chestnut Grove	McKinley Absher, Mertie	yes	1900 wood	150	1	1	1	1	300	300	.....	.....
Elk Spur	Jno. A. Royal, Traphill	yes	1900 wood	300	1	1	1	1	350	350	.....	.....
Flint Hill	T. W. Clonch, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1923 wood	300	1	1	1	1	2500	2500	.....	.....
Fairplains	G. F. Miller, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1902 wood	500	5	4	3000	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haymeadow	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	yes	1905 wood	500	1	1	*5	1	1000	1000	.....	.....
Knobbs	C. S. Lyon, Traphill	yes	1906 wood	500	1	1	1	1	1500	1500	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery	yes	1908 wood	400	1	1	1	1	1800	1800	.....	.....
Mountain Valley	Trealy Kilby, Reddies River	yes	1937 wood	300	1	1	1	1	2000	2130	60.00	.....
Mt. Zion	H. T. Turner, Reddies River	yes	1878 wood	300	1	1	1	1	2000	2130	.....	.....
Maple Grove	A. C. Yale, Hays	yes	1932 wood	300	1	1	*8	1000	1000	5000	.....	.....
Mountain View	W. J. Woodruff, Hays	yes	1918 brick	300	1	7	1	1	5000	1200	.....	.....
New Light	eGo. D. Smith, Roaring River	yes	1899 wood	500	1	1	1	1	1000	1200	.....	.....
Oak Grove	S. E. Owens, Wilbar	yes	1905 wood	.....	1	1	1	1	400	400	.....	.....
Piney Grove	H. J. Spicer, Absbers	yes	1888 wood	300	1	1	1	1	1000	1000	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge	E. A. Carter, Elkin	yes	1907 wood	500	8	5	2500	2500	1500	.....	.....	.....
Roaring Gap	Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, Thurmond	yes	1902 wood	500	1	1	1	1	1200	1200	.....	.....
Rock Springs	Not Represented	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stony Ridge	Sankie Wiles, Traphill	yes	1925 wood	400	1	1	1	1	1000	1000	.....	.....
Traphill	Ruth Billings, Traphill	yes	1887 wood	200	1	1	2000	2000	.....	.....	.....	1000
Union	Evan Colvard, Wilbar	yes	1911 wood	300	1	1	500	500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Grove	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	yes	1902 wood	500	1	1	3000	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Separated by curtains

TABLE VI—Gifts for Local Church Work of Stone Mountain Association, for Year Ending September, 1941

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total For Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations	Pledged to Cooperative Program
Baptist Home	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	\$100.00	.....	\$22.00			\$31.60	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$2.50		\$250.10	\$15.00
Bethel	H. E. Elledge, Hays	31.71	3.35	21.36			15.60	12.50		1.00		85.52	5.00
Benham	E. W. Smith, eBnham	65.00					10.80	10.00		2.30		87.10	
Chestnut Grove	McKinley Absher, Mertie	54.65		6.50				6.16		2.05	12.50	82.86	
Dehart	R. E. Huie, Dehart											1.20	
Elk Spur	Jno. A. Royal, Traphill						.50	1.20		1.25		2.95	
Flint Hill	T. W. Clonch, N. Wilkesboro	20.00	10.00	8.00	50.00		5.00	10.91		1.00		104.91	5.00
Fairplains	Grady F. Miller, N. Wilkesboro	198.30		50.00	\$25.00		25.00	100.00		3.00		401.30	5.00
Haymeadow	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	48.40		11.60			9.60	14.62		2.00	7.32	93.64	
Knobs	C. S. Lyon, Traphill	20.00	4.65				3.00	10.00		1.50		38.15	
Mt. Pisgah	Bruce Billings, Dockery	35.50			3.50		10.60	6.40	25.00	1.60		82.60	
Mountain Valley	J. H. Adams, Wilkesboro, R. 1	120.70		16.00	85.00	50.00	10.80	31.83		1.50		315.83	
Mt. Zion	H. T. Turner, Reddies River	76.50		28.20	66.00	117.50	9.60	11.00		2.50		311.30	5.00
Maple Grove	Mrs. Glenn Dancy, Hays	145.00		38.20	13.50		9.60	14.00	5.00	2.55		227.85	10.00
Mountain View	Eldon Woodruff, Hays	90.00		30.00			28.97	27.67		1.50		178.14	
New Light	Bess Blackburn, Roaring River			33.00						1.70		34.70	
Oak Grove	S. E. Owens, Wilbar	15.00								.50		15.50	
Piney Grove	W. F. Bowers, Abshers	40.00								1.50		41.50	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	C. W. Luffman, State Road	343.11								2.00	27.93	586.88	10.00
Roaring Gap	Mrs. W. W. Calloway, Thurmond	55.00	2.25	28.43	92.00		22.52	55.00	26.30	2.10	4.85	153.68	
Rock Springs	Not Represented												
Stony Ridge	Sankie Wiles, Traphill	75.00	6.00		35.00			5.00		1.50		225.00	
Traphill	Beulah Castevens, Traphill	78.00								2.26	13.05	152.60	
Union	Frank Huffman, Wilbar	75.00		12.00			39.76	14.53	5.00	3.00		111.60	
Walnut Grove	Gormon Blevins, Springfield	60.00		15.00			9.60	12.00		1.79		81.79	5.00

TABLE VII—Gifts for Missions, Education and Renevolences, Stone Mtn. Association, Sept., 1941

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A. C. Yale

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MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Roaring Gap Baptist Church
September 25, 26, 27, 1942

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator.....Hays, N. C.

A. C. YALE, Clerk Hays, N. C.

The next session will be held with Stony Ridge Baptist Church, about 8 miles North of Ronda, N. C., on the Traphill and Ronda road, beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1943, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. (Mtn. Time.) Elder G. Cothren to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder S. L. Blevins, alternate.

DIRECTORY

Executive Committee

Elder S. L. Blevins	Hays, N. C.
C. E. Billings	Hays, N. C.
Elder A. B. Hayes	Hays, N. C.
Dewey Nicholson	Traphill, N. C.
Grady F. Miller	North Wilkesboro, N. C.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, J. Z.	Benham, N. C.
Absher, J. M.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Blevins, J. A.	Hays, N. C.
Blevins, S. L.	Hays, N. C.
Blevins, T. E.	Springfield, N. C.
Blevins, Hillery	Hays, N. C.
Burcham, Jno.	Roaring River, N. C.
Byrd, Albert	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Bullis, Hubert	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cothren, Grant	Traphill, N. C.
Cooper, W. F.	Traphill, N. C.
Caudill, C. M.	Hays, N. C.
Curry, G. W.	Benham, N. C.
Hayes, J. E.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Hayes, A. B.	Hays, N. C.
Houck, Wade	Reddies River, N. C.
Hanks, Uriah	Springfield, N. C.
Kilby, John	Wilbar, N. C.
Lyon, T. M.	Traphill, N. C.
Lyon, J. F.	Traphill, N. C.
Miller, D. C.	Hays, N. C.
Mayberry, O. B.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Murray, L. B.	State Road, N. C.
Nix, W. V.	Traphill, N. C.
Sparks, L. E.	Moxley, N. C.
Shew, Jim	R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Staley, Allen	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Wyatt, Banner	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Yale, J. W.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its Forty-Sixth Annual session with Roaring Gap Baptist church September 25, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Song, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." Devotional conducted by Elder Grant Cothren reading 27th division of the Psalms. Prayer by Elder L. B. Murray.

Song, "Am I A Soldier of the Cross?" Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder J. Z. Adams, using as a text Isaiah 45th chapter and 3rd verse, after which the congregation joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation." After which the Moderator, Bro. J. A. Gilliam, asked those bearing letters from their respective churches to please hand them in. Nineteen were handed in. A motion was carried to dispense with the reading of the letters. This closed the year's work for the Moderator and Clerk, and upon motion duly seconded, Bro. J. A. Gilliam and Bro. A. C. Yale were reelected Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to correspondents and visitors. Elder J. C. Pipes, Elder Chas. A. Leonard, Missionary to China, J. H. Kendall and Elder J. G. Huffman from Brushy Mountain Association accepted seats with us. Song, "The Kingdom Is Coming." The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Temperance—Elder John Burcham, Elder L. B. Murray and J. A. Royal.

Periodicals—Elders A. B. Hayes, J. C. Pipes and Charlie Billings.

Christian Education—Mrs. H. V. Nix, J. H. Kendall and Lonnie Billings.

Aged Ministers' Relief—Mrs. V. W. Luffman, Bro. Smith and Mrs. E. R. Fox.

Missions—C. C. Gambill, Elder Chas A. Leonard and J. Q. Adams.

Orphanage—Mrs. J. L. Gregory, Mrs. J. N. Gentry, Elder J. A. McMillian.

Recognize visitors. Elder Lester Johnson from Elkin Association accepted a seat with us.

12:00 M. Adjourned for lunch.

1:00 P. M. Association reassembled. Song, "Standing on the Promise of God." Prayer offered by Elder J. E. Hayes.

Change in program. Report on Missions and Christian Education to be heard this afternoon. Report on Temperance to come later.

Report on Missions read by Bro. C. C. Gambill.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

For more than one hundred years North Carolina Baptists have worked together in an organized way to evangelize and train the people of our state. Many years before that time, there were Baptist churches that were reaching out trying as best they might to give the Gospel to their immediate surroundings. Perhaps this is the underlying reason why the Baptists of North Carolina outnumber any other denomination and have made the greatest contribution to the religious life of our state.

God has wonderfully blessed our evangelistic efforts, but there are yet more than six hundred thousand unsaved people in North Carolina.

And that lays on the shoulders of the North Carolina Baptist a tremendous responsibility and magnificent opportunity.

Let no one suppose that Foreign Mission work refers to a task far away and among and for a people untrained and unworthy. It has to do with all classes of men. Some refined and cultured and some ignorant, but all made in the image and likeness of God.

Foreign Missions is the answer to all Christians to the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. It has no other aim and makes no other attempts than to carry the Gospel to lost men.

If we would reap well, we must enter now when the doors are open and the harvest ripe. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him on whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?

C. C. GAMBILL,

M. H. KENDALL, Committee.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

What we are and do is determined largely by what we think and what we think is determined largely by what we read. Therefore we should read only literature which gives us truth and light. Christians and especially Baptists have available to them a wealth of finest literature, both inspirational and informational. Therefore we want to name for you, and suggest that you read diligently the following literature: First, we commend to you the Bible, the book of all books, which is and always will be a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our pathway to lead us to God. Second, we commend the following periodicals that should be in every Baptist home: The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Commission, Home Missions, and all other Christian literature printed and recommended by Southern Baptist people. Respectfully submitted by

A. B. HAYES, Committee.

Report read by Elder A. B. Hayes. On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are told in Deuteronomy 6:6-9 that when Moses had given the ten commandments to the children of Israel that he told them: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates."

This warning comes to us today from Moses. If we would do as he said we would indeed have Christian Education. How many a mother who has a son in the war wishes in vain that she had given him as diligently the training in God's word as Moses told us to do.

Education is growth; Christian Education is growth in the principles of Christ. The world is in chaos today because these principles have not been taught and practised.

Never before, perhaps, in our lives have we felt as greatly the need for a foundation of faith that is as firm as a rock, a faith which will enable us to face life and death with a courage and peace.

We are thankful that we have Baptist schools and colleges that are giving Christian Education to our youth. The atmosphere of a Christian institution such as Mars Hill is what our young people need. We are proud of the work all the schools are doing.

But whether it be in our religious schools, in our public schools, in our churches with their preaching services, their Sunday Schools, their W. M. U. work and B. T. U. work, or in our homes, which last is indeed far most important of all, let us give our children Christian Education, that they may be able to meet the issues of life in the strength of Christ.

MRS. H. V. NIX, Committee.

Report on Christian Education read by Mrs. H. V. Nix. On motion the report was adopted.

Poem read by Mrs. Nix.

Discussed by Elder J. H. Kendall, Elder A. B. Hayes, Bro. J. Y. Brooks and Dr. Charles A. Leonard.

On motion by Elder A. B. Hayes that we recommend that each family head establish a family altar.

State Missions discussed by Elder J. C. Pipes.

Committee on Religious Exercise report no services for tonight.

Announcement by Elder A. B. Hayes of Ministers' Conference in North Wilkesboro on the 2nd Monday in October. Invitation to all ministers in Stone Mountain Association to attend.

Announcement of China Relief Fund by Dr. Chas. A. Leonard.

Thus closed the first days work of the Association for 1942.

Prayer offered by Elder G. Cothren.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

10:00 A. M. Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Songs, "Leave It There," and "Precious Name."

Devotional conducted by Elder L. E. Sparks, reading Hebrews 13th. Song, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." Prayer by L. E. Sparks. The Moderator then asked if there were others bearing letters to please hand them in. Two were handed in.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:1. There has never been a time since the days of Noah when the subject of Temperance should have been stressed as it should be now by God's people everywhere. Jeremiah 35:5-14. gives us a lesson of temperance. Isaiah 28:1-10 gives us a lesson of intemperance. Be sober, temperate and you will be healthy. If we are in place and please God we must put on the profound humility and the exact temperance of our Lord Jesus Christ. Intemperance in drinking today is the cause directly or indirectly of practically all the crime committed in our country. It destroys a man's self respect, respect for religion, virtue, honesty and all other things which are good in this world. Drunkards are the companions of people of bad morals. There are so many ways of being

intemperate today that we advise churches to watch their members and keep them well informed against intemperance and if they do not heed the teaching of God's word apply the Bible rules to them in a spiritual way.

REV. JOHN BURCHAM, Committee.

Report read by Bro. C. C. Gambill. Motion for adoption. Discussed by Elder J. Z. Adams, Bro. J. Y. Brooks, Elder S. L. Blevins, Elder G. Cothren, Bro. C. C. Gambill, Bro. V. W. Luffman and Bro. J. A. Gilliam. Report adopted.

Extended an invitation to visitors. Elder J. A. McMillan from Baptist Orphanage accepted a seat with us.

Song, "Love Lifted Me."

One other letter presented and delegates seated. At this juncture Bro. Harrison Warren made a talk on Temperance.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

No greater honor can come to any man in this life than that he should be called of God and set apart as a chosen vessel to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Paul said in I Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine."

Let us then strive to provide an income for our ministers in their old age and when they are disabled—not grudgingly to give a few cents here and there in the name of charity but in all respect and love try in this way to show our appreciation to these old soldiers of the cross for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. V. WINFREY LUFFMAN,

MRS. E. R. FOX, (Maple Grove)

.....SMITH, (Benham)

Committee.

Report read by Mrs. V. W. Luffman. Motion for adoption.

Discussed by Mrs. Luffman, Mrs. Walker Luffman, Elder S. L. Blevins and Elder J. A. McMillan. Report adopted.

Then the following pledges were taken:

Maple Grove—Elder S. L. Blevins, C. C. Gambill.....	\$15.00
Mt. Zion—R. C. Dancy, for Ministers' Relief	(Pd.) 5.00
Union—Frank Huffman	5.00
Chestnut Grove—J. A. Childers	5.00
Haymeadow—A. R. Myers	5.00
Pleasant Ridge—V. Winfrey Luffman	10.00
Roaring Gap—Elder W. F. Cooper	5.00
Mrs. H. V. Hix for Hospitals	(Pd.) 1.00

Adjourned for lunch. Prayer by Elder W. F. Cooper.

1:00 P. M. Association reassembled.

Song, "Lord, Plant My Feet on Higher Ground."

Prayer by Elder J. A. McMillan.

Orphanage work discussed by Elder J. A. McMillan, Elder S. L. Blevins, Bro. C. C. Gambill and Bro. V. W. Luffman. Report to be mailed to Clerk later.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The children who compose the population of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina may be classified under three heads: full orphans, half orphans and victims of desertion and wrecked homes. These children are being cared for by three well recognized methods of child caring agencies: Mothers Aid, Boarding Homes and the Orphanage Proper. In addition to these our case workers are rendering a fine service by helping children and parents make adjustments with their neighbors and relatives.

The demands upon the Orphanage authorities have never been greater. They receive upon an average of 45 applications every month during the year. No matter how urgent the demands, however, the policy of the Orphanage leaders is not to make special appeals. Special appeals for other causes may come and special appeals may go, but this constant stream of human want must go on day after day and year after year until the purpose of Christ through His church has been fulfilled.

The past year was one of the best in the history of the Orphanage, but imperative needs continue to increase. The care of the orphan child was intrusted to us by Christ himself. We cannot shun this Christian responsibility and claim to be practicing "pure religion." When appeals are made to Orphanage authorities they have nowhere to go, indeed, they do not want any place to go for financial support other than individuals, Sunday Schools and churches. The plan is simple.

We suggest as a goal for the Association for next year: A monthly contribution from each church or Sunday School, gifts of produce in season, a real Thanksgiving offering in November and a club of Charity & Children in each Sunday School. In order to reach this goal we recommend that an Orphanage representative be appointed by this body to contact every Sunday School and church in the Association. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Report on

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The last three years have been eventful in the expansion of the hospital. Three years ago the hospital had a bed capacity of 100 and by overcrowding, we were caring for 4,000 patients per year.

Today, we have a modernly constructed and equipped hospital with a bed capacity of almost 10,000 patients annually, and now caring for about 650 patients per month. Owing to shortage of nurses caused by war conditions, the hospital has been unable to open a few rooms.

We shall have this year not less than 2,500 service or free patients. This will represent, including hospital and medical service, about \$250,000 in free service for this year.

The hospital has a staff of 26 internes and about 100 doctors practicing in the hospital. In addition, it has free service of the entire staff of the Medical School whenever desired for consultation and diagnosis. Every department is thoroughly organized to give most efficient service possible.

The equipment, as well as the building, is entirely modern. The hospital recently added \$20,000 worth of new instruments to the operating rooms and \$44,000 worth of new X-Ray equipment, making an X-Ray department "None better in the South."

The hospital, in conjunction with the Medical School, has a floor-space of four acres and represents a value to the denomination of \$2,000,000 with only a very small amount of indebtedness.

The purpose of the hospital shall remain as ever—to give hospital treatment to those who are unable to pay for same, educate nurses with Christian ideals, and at the same time maintain a standard of scientific efficiency "second to none in the country." It is the abiding purpose of the management that it shall be definitely a Christian Institution with all that it implies.

This greatly expanded service which is growing more and more into every section of the state, of course, requires an increased support. This, we are glad to report, is growing year by year. In addition to the Mother's Day offering by the churches and Sunday Schools, which has increased in the last few years from \$11,500 to about \$38,000 this year, the hospital linens contributed by the W. M. U.'s and other church agencies has increased year by year.

MRS. GLENN DANCY,
W. W. CALLOWAY,
REV. GRANT COTHREN,
Committee.

Report read by Mrs. Glenn Dancy. Motion for adoption. Discussed by Dr. Smith Hagaman, Elder G. Cothren. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Resolved: We thank Roaring Gap Church out of the gratitude of our hearts for their generous hospitality, and fine spirit of fellowship. We pray God's blessing on them.

Respectfully submitted,
V. WINFREY LUFFMAN,
R. C. DANCY, Committee.

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Jesus has said to us, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Blessed indeed are we who had parents who took us to Sunday School, for the Sunday School had a great part in teaching us and influencing us to come unto Jesus and get the peace which he gives.

It is the young person who is constantly in contact with those who teach God's word, and with influences that point to Christ, that gives his heart to Christ and grows in grace, just as it is water that is put on the fire that gets hot, not that which is left in the cold.

If we will get the children to Sunday School and church, and lift Christ up so they may see Him, He will draw them to Him.

Let us resolve to make a greater effort than we have been making to get people to Sunday School. They will come if we will make them

know that we are in dead earnest about wanting them to come, and if we will give them something worth while when they come. If the Sunday School leaders are men and women who have the courage of their convictions, and who pray till they have power from on high, then souls will be won to Christ in our Sunday School.

Oh, that we of America would return unto God with all our hearts, and put away the things from among us that we love better than we do Him, and serve Him only, then He would deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and make us a strong nation. There could be no better way to accomplish this than that we would become again a nation of people who go to Sunday School and church service.

We are glad that it is our privilege in our Association to have an annual Sunday School Convention. We recommend to the churches that they cooperate fully with the Chairman, our Moderator, Bro. Gilliam, in making each session mean a great deal in our work. The next session will meet at Knobbs Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. V. NIX,

MRS. J. E. DeJOURNETTE,

MRS. W. W. CALLOWAY,

Committee.

After which instructed the Clerk to have 600 copies of this minute printed and distributed to the several churches as usual and to retain any funds that may be left over for his services.

Song, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher report:

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1943, at 10:00 o'clock Mountain Time.

Place: Stony Ridge Baptist Church.

Preacher: Elder Grant Cothren; alternate, Elder S. L. Blevins.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder G. Cothren.

Arrangements Committee: C. C. Gambill, C. C. Blevins, A. R. Myers, E. R. Fox, L. G. Billings.

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator,

A. C. YALE, Clerk.

SUNDAY SESSION

Association reassembled 10:00 A. M. Singing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Blessed Assurance."

Devotional conducted by the Clerk, A. C. Yale, reading a part of the 23rd chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer by Elder S. L. Blevins.

Sunday School report read by Mrs. W. V. Nix. Discussed by Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, Elder W. V. Nix, Bro. J. A. Gilliam, Elder G. Cothren, Mrs. Johnce Gentry, Mrs. W. V. Nix.

After which Elder S. L. Blevins came forward and delivered a soul stirring sermon. Text, 2nd Samuel 5:10.

At the close of Bro. Blevins' sermon the congregation joined in singing, "Shall We Gather at the River," and a general handshake.

Peace, love and union prevailed the entire session. May it ever be so.

CLERK.

Baptist Home—I. F. Elledge, John McGrady, J. G. Kilby.
 Benham—Milt Windsor, Jack Hoots, Arthur West.
 Chestnut Grove—Connie Lyons, J. A. Childers, Goldie Shumate.
 Dehart—J. Y. Brooks, R. E. Huie.
 Elk Spur—Jno. A. Royal, L. M. Higgins, Kilby Royal.
 Flint Hill—Royal Clonch, Lewie Blackburn, Ancel Brown.
 Fairplains—J. V. Wallace, C. A. Marlow, Mrs. J. W. Yale.
 Haymeadow—I. H. Sebastian, C. C. Dillard, A. R. Myers.
 Knobbs—C. S. Lyons, John Lyons, J. A. McCann.
 Mount Pisgah—L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher, W. N. Sparks.
 Mountain Valley—Gordon Foster, J. A. Adams, J. C. Kilby.
 Mt. Zion—Mr. and Mrs. Larence Shumate, H. T. Turner.
 Maple Grove—Glenn Dancy, C. C. Gambill, E. R. Fox.
 Mountain View—By Letter.
 New Light—Clifton Privette, Boss Blackburn, Eda Parks.
 Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, W. F. Bowers, Johncie Cleary.
 Pleasant Ridge—V. Winfrey Luffman, T. G. Walsh, M. M. Layell.
 Roaring Gap—Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, W. W. Calloway, J. N. Gen-
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 Rock Springs—Barnie Shumate, W. M. Absher, F. P. Taylor.
 Stony Ridge—Charlie Billings, G. B. Crabb, Click Bauguess.
 Traphill—Miss Beatrice Holbrook, Bert Brown, Claud Brown.
 Union—Frank Huffman, J. M. Parsons, J. M. Staley.
 Walnut Grove—W. M. Pruitt, Wiley Gambill, Talmage Gambill.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Received for Minutes and Clerk	\$44.48
Received for Cooperative Program	10.50
Received for Ministers' Relief	8.90
Received for Hospitals	9.40
Total	\$73.28

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee and otherwise:

For Minutes and Clerk	\$48.33
Cooperative Program	10.50
Ministers' Relief	8.90
Hospitals	9.40
Total	\$77.13

Paid to Clerk:

For Minutes and his services	\$48.33
For Cooperative Program	10.50
For Aged Ministers' Relief	8.90
For Hospitals	9.40
Total	\$77.13

A. C. YALE, Treas. Ex-Officio.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism	103
Received by Letter	31
Received by Statement	5

Total Gain	139
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Lost by Letter	34
Lost by Death	20
Lost by Erasure	3
Lost by Exclusion	4

Total Loss	61
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Net Gain	78
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A. C. YALE, for Committee.

PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Brethren, we find by searching the scriptures that the Lord hath commanded His ministers to feed the church which He hath purchased with His own blood, and to feed them upon the sincere milk of the word, and that by so doing, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear they shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. And, brethren, we find that the Lord hath commanded the church to follow the instructions of His ministers, to love them, pray for them, and support them with temporal needs.

A. C. YALE, for Committee.

OUR DEAD ARE

Benham—Mrs. C. F. Fields.

Chestnut Grove—Mr. Nelson Reeves.

Dehart—Mr. John Wesley Miles.

Fairplains—Mrs. Eula Warren Alexander.

Mt. Pisgah—Mr. J. E. Billings, Mr. Robert Bowers, Mrs. Mary Ann Ellis, Miss Janie Holbrook.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Millie Absher, Mrs. Samanthy Hauke, Mr. Lewis Hauke.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Cinthia Spicer.

Roaring Gap—Mrs. Hattie Billings.

Traphill—Mrs. Phoebe Joines.

Walnut Grove—Mrs. Emma Blevins, Mr. W. B. Johnson, Mrs. Emeline Blevins, Mrs. Dossie Hanks, Mrs. Julia A. Johnson.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Stone Mountain Association, Year Ending Sept., 1942

CHURCHES	Is it in Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS			LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lords Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Baptist Home.	C	1926	Richard Day, Elkin	4	129	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	138	yes	1	1	
Bethel	C		Not represented	2	156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Benham	C	1919	G. Cothren, Traphill	3	118	17	1	2	...	1	...	...	133	no	2	1	
Chestnut Grove	C	1900	L. C. Johnson, Hays	3	74	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	71	no	1	1	
Dehart	C	1915	Hillery Blevins, Hays	2	71	12	...	2	...	2	...	...	80	no	1	...	
Elk Spur	C	1900	Guy Cox, Traphill	2	54	1	...	2	...	2	...	...	51	no	1	1	
Flint Hill	C	1922	Ralph Miller, North Wilkesboro	3	91	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	94	no	2	...	
Fairplains	V	1902	S. L. Blevins, Hays	3	230	6	7	1	...	1	...	...	240	yes	1	1	
Haymeadow	C	1905	D. C. Miller, Hays, R. 1	3	157	6	2	2	...	...	...	...	163	no	2	1	
Knobbs	C	1906	C. C. Cockerham, Roaring River	4	99	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	102	yes	1	1	
Mt. Pisgah	C	1908	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	1	91	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	91	yes	2	1	
Mountain Valley	C	1937	D. C. Miller, Hays, R. 1	2	90	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	94	no	1	1	
Mt. Zion	C	1898	Glenm Huffman, Parsonsville	4	90	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	87	no	1	1	
Maple Grove	C	1932	S. L. Blevins, Hays	1	110	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	114	no	2	1	
Mountain View	V	1918	A. B. Hayes, Hays	4	65	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	no	2	...	
New Light	C	1899	C. C. Cockerham, Roaring River	2	109	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109	yes	1	1	
Oak Grove	C	1905	Not represented	4	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Piney Grove	C	1888	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	4	150	8	...	2	...	1	...	...	155	no	1	1	
Pleasant Ridge	C	1907	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	4	176	3	4	3	1	...	...	...	185	yes	2	1	
Roaring Gap	C	1902	G. Cothren, Traphill	1	134	11	5	...	...	1	...	...	148	no	1	1	
Rock Springs	C	1934	J. A. Blevins, Hays	2	120	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	118	no	...	...	
Stony Ridge	C	1925	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	3	68	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	no	1	1	
Traphill	V	1887	G. Cothren, Traphill	1	80	2	1	3	...	1	...	...	79	yes	1	1	
Union	C	1911	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	3	132	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	132	no	1	1	
Walnut Grove	C	1902	Gar Pruitt, Springfield	1	238	4	...	4	2	5	...	...	231	yes	1	1	
Total.				1	10331	534	4	3	20	2755	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1942

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES										Teachers hold diplomas				
	Cradle Roll, under 3	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 years up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Have you a Mission S.S.	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A1?
Baptist Home.....	23	14	22	20	9	37	.....	2	no	127	76	7	yes	no	2
Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benham.....	10	8	21	16	17	5	.....	5	no	77	50	.....	no	no	.....
Chestnut Grove.....	15	25	10	15	10	.....	.....	5	no	80	25	.....	no	no	.....
Dehart.....	.....	10	12	14	12	.....	.....	.....	no	60	48	.....	no	no	.....
Elk Spur.....	9	11	11	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	no	30	30	.....	no	no	.....
Flint Hill.....	.....	27	13	16	12	.....	.....	6	no	68	40	.....	no	no	.....
Fairplains.....	25	34	35	30	34	40	.....	10	no	208	160	2	yes	no	.....
Haymeadow.....	5	6	11	3	20	24	.....	8	no	77	50	6	yes	no	.....
Knobbs.....	12	.....	20	20	.....	.....	.....	5	no	56	35	10	no	no	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	2	3	8	11	10	6	14	7	no	61	30	5	no	no	.....
Mountain Valley.....	4	6	14	10	27	24	.....	8	no	85	70	.....	no	no	.....
Mt. Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	no	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maple Grove.....	25	15	17	11	18	.....	.....	8	no	94	83	.....	yes	no	1
Mountain View.....	6	8	10	9	12	10	.....	8	no	55	33	4	yes	no	.....
New Light.....	3	10	8	12	10	16	.....	7	no	59	45	.....	no	no	1
Oak Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove.....	14	24	20	18	.....	.....	.....	6	no	76	50	3	no	no	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	12	14	25	23	32	30	60	12	no	208	122	3	yes	no	.....
Roaring Gap.....	7	6	16	14	21	15	.....	8	no	82	65	7	no	no	.....
Rock Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stony Ridge.....	Not given	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Traphill.....	2	10	12	15	.....	.....	.....	6	no	45	30	2	no	no	.....
Union.....	10	6	15	15	6	6	6	4	no	68	50	.....	no	no	.....
Walnut Grove.....	8	8	10	22	6	15	.....	3	no	72	45	.....	no	no	.....

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts of Stone Mountain Baptist Association for Year Ending September, 1942

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. W. M. S.									
		Total W. M. U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	G. A.'s Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission	Study Courses	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.		
Baptist Home.....	Not given	1	120	20	20	.....	.....	\$23.00	\$ 2.00		
Maple Grove.....	Mrs. E. R. Fox, Hays	1	120	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Walker Luffman, State Road	1	124	24	24	.....	.....	2.50	40.00		
Traphill.....	Mrs. W. V. Nix, Traphill	1	210	6	16	16	16	11.00	15.55		

TABLE V—Church Property of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1942

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1926	wood	400	1	*8	\$2500.00	\$2550.00	\$1500.00
Bethel.....	Not represented									
Benham.....	H. F. Byrd, Benham	yes	1919	wood	300	1		2200.00	2200.00	
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie	yes	1900	wood	150	1		200.00	200.00	
Dehart.....	R. E. Huie, Hays	yes	1915	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Elk Spur.....	J. A. Royal, Traphill	yes	1900	wood	300	1		300.00	300.00	
Flint Hill.....	T. W. Clonch, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1922	wood	300	1		2500.00	2500.00	
Fairplains.....	Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro.....	yes	1902	wood	500	5	4	3000.00	3000.00	
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	yes	1905	wood	200	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Knobbs.....	C. F. Lyon, Traphill	yes	1906	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Mt. Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery	yes	1908	wood	400	1		1500.00	1500.00	
Mountain Valley.....	Trelia Kilby, Reddies River	yes	1937	wood	300	1		1800.00	1800.00	
Mt. Zion.....	H. T. Turner, Reddies River	yes	1898	wood	500	1		2000.00	2000.00	
Maple Grove.....	A. C. Yale, Hays	yes	1932	wood	300	1	*8	1500.00	1500.00	
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays	yes	1918	**	300	7		5000.00	5000.00	
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	yes	1899	wood	500	1		1200.00	1300.00	
Oak Grove.....	Not represented									
Piney Grove.....	H. J. Spicer, Abshers	yes	1888	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Pleasant Ridge.....	Hubert Martin, State Road	yes	1907	wood	400	8	5	2000.00	2000.00	1500.00
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, Thurmond.....	yes	1902	wood	500	1		1200.00	1200.00	
Rock Springs.....	J. W. Hall, Halls Mills	yes	1934	wood	400	5		1025.00	1025.00	
Stony Ridge.....	Garvey Billings, Lomax	yes	1925	wood	450	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	yes	1887	wood	200	1		2000.00	2000.00	1000.00
Union.....	Evan Colvard, Wilbar	yes	1911	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	yes	1902	wood	500	1		3000.00	3000.00	

* Separated by curtains

** Brick veneer

TABLE VI—Gifts for Local Church Work of Stone Mountain Association, for Year Ending September, 1942

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations.	Pledged to Cooperative Program
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro.....	\$140.21	\$.....	\$17.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$24.50	\$43.40	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$248.21	\$25.00
Bethel.....	Not represented	60.00	10.00	21.40	100.00	.....	7.10	10.00	.....	2.00	.....	210.50	.....
Benham.....	Milt Windsor, Benham	42.85	.....	4.50	6.72	.....	.....	6.35	.....	2.00	.....	61.92	5.00
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie	11.35	.....	5.00	10.76	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.85	.....	28.71	.....
Dehart.....	R. E. Huie, Hays	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.25	.....	1.25	.....
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	28.29	.....	3.00	.....	69.29	.....
Flint Hill.....	T. W. Clonch, N. Wilkesboro	35.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.00	69.18	.....	3.40	60.27	430.45	.....
Fairplains.....	Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro	227.00	.....	50.00	3.00	.....	19.58	22.20	.....	2.00	.....	147.08	5.00
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	71.30	.....	32.00	.....	.....	19.70	7.20	.....	1.00	.....	37.62	.....
Knobs.....	C. S. Lyons, Traphill	13.50	.....	6.22	.....	.....	12.50	6.75	.....	1.65	.....	174.04	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery	105.14	.....	29.50	.....	.....	9.60	33.34	.....	1.50	.....	274.59	.....
Mountain Valley.....	Jno. Adams, Wilkesboro	125.55	8.85	17.25	.....	70.00	9.60	8.23	.....	2.50	2.50	354.60	.....
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. H. T. Turner Reddies River	135.00	.....	47.50	.....	156.77	9.60	15.54	.....	3.50	.....	503.59	15.00
Maple Grove.....	E. R. Fox, Hays	170.70	.....	30.00	250.00	.....	29.10	21.60	25.00	1.50	.....	165.20	.....
Mountain View.....	Eldon Woodruff, Hays	85.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	2.00	10.00	8.00	1.50	50.00	109.00	.....
New Light.....	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River	33.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove.....	Not represented	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Bowers, Abshers	75.00	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.75	2.00	.....	98.25	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	C. W. Luffman, State Road	423.52	.....	.....	3.00	.....	165.52	65.69	4.18	2.50	41.53	777.94	10.00
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. W. W. Calloway, Thurmond	80.00	.....	.....	75.00	.....	16.17	23.75	.....	2.20	.....	135.25	5.00
Rock Springs.....	J. W. Hall, Halls Mills	.....	.....	8.00	4.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....
Stony Ridge.....	Garvey Billings, Lomax	75.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	76.50	.....
Traphill.....	Bert Brown, Traphill	113.50	.....	53.00	.....	.....	24.20	13.56	11.00	2.70	7.30	225.25	15.55
Union.....	Frank Huffman, Wilbar	82.00	.....	10.75	185.00	.....	9.60	20.00	.....	2.50	.....	307.35	10.50
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	52.00	.....	22.25	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	2.08	.....	81.33	.....

TABLE VII—Gifts for Missions, Education and Benevolences, Stone Mountain Association, Sept., 1942

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MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
SESSION
OF THE
STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Stony Ridge Baptist Church
September 24, 25, 26, 1943

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator Hays, N. C.
V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Clerk State Road, N. C.

The next session will be held with Benham Baptist Church,
about 5 miles west of Elkin, N. C., near the Traphill and Elkin
road, beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September,
1944, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Rev. Minter L. Blevins to preach
the Introductory Sermon; Elder John Burcham, alternate.



DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

C. C. Gambill	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
A. C. Yale	Hays, N. C.
A. R. Myers	Hays, N. C.
Bruce Billings	Dockery, N. C.
C. E. Billings	Hays, N. C.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Glenn Dancy	Hays, N. C.
C. C. Blevins	Hays, N. C.
Grady F. Miller	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
John McGrady	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
V. Winfrey Luffman	State Road, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. M. Absher	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
J. Z. Adams	Traphill, N. C.
B. H. Barker	Roaring River, N. C.
Ernest Blevins	Hays, N. C.
Hillery Blevins	Hays, N. C.
J. A. Blevins	Hays, N. C.
M. L. Blevins	Springfield, N. C.
S. L. Blevins	Hays, N. C.
T. E. Blevins	Springfield, N. C.
H. A. Bullis	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
John Burcham	Roaring River, N. C.
Albert Byrd	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Willis Byrd	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
C. M. Caudill	Hays, N. C.
W. F. Cooper	Traphill, N. C.
Grant Cothren	Traphill, N. C.
G. W. Curry	Benham, N. C.
Arthur Gambill	Moxley, N. C.
A. B. Hayes	Hays, N. C.
J. E. Hayes	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Uriah Hanks	Springfield, N. C.
John Kilby	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
J. F. Lyon	Traphill, N. C.
T. M. Lyon	Traphill, N. C.
O. B. Mayberry	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
D. C. Miller	Hays, N. C.
L. B. Murray	State Road, N. C.
W. V. Nix	Traphill, N. C.
G. W. Prevette	Roaring River, N. C.
Gar Pruitt	Springfield, N. C.
Howard Royal	Traphill, N. C.
A. A. Staley	Wilbar, N. C.
L. E. Sparks	Moxley, N. C.
Banner Wyatt	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
J. W. Yale	North Wilkesboro, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its forty-seventh annual session with Stony Ridge Baptist Church September 24, 1943, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Song, "Revive Us Again." Devotional conducted by Rev. L. E. Sparks reading the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews. Song, "There Is A Fountain." Prayer offered by Rev. L. B. Murray.

Introductory sermon delivered by Rev. J. C. Canipe, of Boone, using as his theme the sixth chapter of Mark. Prayer by Rev. S. L. Blevins.

The Moderator, Bro. J. A. Gilliam, called the roll of Churches and representatives from seventeen were present. He then asked if any were present who attended the organization of the Stone Mountain Association and two responded. The congregation joined in singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." The Moderator then asked delegates bearing letters from their respective churches to bring them forward and seventeen were handed in.

On motion the program for this session of the Association was adopted as published. This closed the year's work for the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion Bro. J. A. Gilliam was re-elected Moderator. On motion Bro. V. Winfrey Luffman was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visitors and Rev. J. C. Canipe, of Boone, accepted a seat with us.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Periodicals—Rev. A. B. Hayes, C. S. Lyon and Ford Cothren.

Christian Education—Miss Beatrice Holbrook, C. C. Blevins and Rev. J. Z. Adams.

Temperance—C. C. Gambill, Rev. L. B. Murray and E. W. Smith.

Religious Exercises—C. W. Billings, G. B. Crabb and Sankie Wiles.

Old Ministers' Relief—Grady Miller, Rev. G. W. Curry and J. W. Mayberry.

W. M. U.—Mrs. V. Winfrey Luffman, Mrs. E. R. Fox and Mrs. Eulah Brown.

Baptist Hospital—John R. Jones, Rev. Grant Cothren, A. C. Yale.

Missions—Rev. C. C. Cockerham, Rev. J. C. Canipe, J. V. Wallace.

Orphanage—Rev. Minter L. Blevins, Rev. S. L. Blevins and Lonnie Billings.

Pastor and Church Relationship—U. M. Myers.

Finance—Glenn Dancy and J. A. West.

Resolutions—Rev. J. Z. Adams, Rev. Minter L. Blevins.

Song, "I Get a Lot of Joy on the Christian Side." 12:00 o'clock M. adjourned for lunch with prayer by Rev. Grant Cothren.

Association reassembled at 1:00 P. M. Song, "The Pearly White City." Prayer offered by Rev. J. Z. Adams.

Report on Periodicals read by C. S. Lyon.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

One of the great needs for our people is that they be informed, trained and enlisted in the whole program of the church and the Kingdom of God and we feel that the Biblical Recorder is of immense value in this great cause. It is a good, wholesome, attractive weekly that will

be of interest and help to the whole family circle and a solid, substantial denominational journal; and we feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist Home.

We also recommend The Commission which is the foreign mission magazine; The Home Mission Journal for the study of Home Missions; and Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper. Royal Service, the official W. M. U. Magazine, gives much information concerning missions and mission fields, both home and foreign.

We would follow the injunction of Paul to Timothy: "Give Diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

C. S. LYON, Committee.

On motion adopted report to be condensed as deemed wise by the clerk.

Discussed by Rev. J. C. Canipe, Mrs. Glenn Dancy, C. C. Gambill, Mrs. V. Winfrey Luffman, Rev. Grant Cothren and Mrs. E. R. Fox.

Report on Christian Education read by the Clerk for Committee:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In these days of war, we realize more keenly than ever before the true value of spiritual things. We see how lives built on a firm foundation of faith are able to stand the storms that come. As we prepare for a postwar world, may we not neglect to provide such foundations for our youth. Let us support loyally the institutions we have established for this purpose—our splendid Baptist schools and colleges.

It is significant that next week is set as Religious Education Week. Mayor Coan, of Winston-Salem, in his proclamation, says: "Whereas, we are engrossed in a two-fold effort to win the war and establish a just and lasting peace; whereas, the moral and spiritual resources which qualify us for this task are rooted in the teachings of religion; I request all citizens to continue or renew their allegiance to the churches of their choice and to seek for themselves and make effective for others all possible opportunities for religious teaching and worship which are essential in establishing the spiritual foundations of freedom."

BEATRICE HOLBROOK,

J. Z. ADAMS, Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Temperance read by Bro. C. C. Gambill.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We are confronted at this time with the most serious problem we have encountered in this generation regarding the liquor question. A strong effort is being made by the liquor interests backed by our political leaders and officers to make the sale and drinking of intoxicating liquors popular. A few years ago, drinking and drunkenness was, in our surroundings, confined almost altogether to the adult men, but within the last few years it has become popular for women and young girls to drink and it is not uncommon to see young ladies enter beer parlors and come out reeling and staggering around our streets. This popularizing of strong drink has had its influence on our service men. We are informed that the conditions in and around our army

camps are in many instances shameful. Yet our political leaders have turned a deaf ear to the Christian people in regard to the removal of such conditions.

The court records, both state and federal, will show that the territory embraced in the Stone Mountain Association has the reputation of being one of the worst sections of the state in the manufacture and sale of illicit, intoxicating liquors. It behooves us to look the disagreeable facts squarely in the face. Where is the sentiment that sustains this business? May it not be accounted for in a large measure by church members and those that claim to be good citizens. We all know that this business cannot be carried on without at least the knowledge of the citizens of the community. Our pastors, Sunday School teachers and church leaders should teach our brethren that they do a positive wrong and become a party to a crime when they know or can, by reasonable diligence, learn of the operation of an illicit distillery in their community and do not report and do all in their power to suppress it and reform or punish the offender.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. GAMBILL,

L. B. MURRAY,

E. W. SMITH, Committee.

On motion the report was adopted. Discussion by C. C. Gambill, Rev. L. B. Murray, A. C. Yale.

Song, "I Am Going On." Motion carried to deviate from the adopted program in order that Missions might be discussed at this time. Discussion by Rev. J. C. Canipe, followed by Rev. S. L. Blevins.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. G. W. Curry would preach at the church tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

At this point, delegates were assigned to the various homes of Stony Ridge Church.

Song, "Lovest Thou Me More Than These." Motion for adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hayes.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service by Stony Ridge choir. Sermon by Rev. G. W. Curry.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

9:45 A. M. Saturday morning the Association met to continue its work. Songs by Stony Ridge choir. Devotional was conducted by Rev. Hillery Blevins reading the 4th chapter of James. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. E. Sparks.

Association called to order by the Moderator and invitation extended to visitors. Mrs. Earl James and Rev. Lester C. Johnson from the Elkin Association accepted a seat with us.

Delegates bearing letters from their respective churches were asked to bring them forward at this time and three were handed in.

Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Report of Woman's Missionary Union read by Mrs. E. R. Fox.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to

observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Our W. M. U. is a tremendous influence in growing missionary-hearted people and is helping to carry on the great commission that our Lord laid down for us to follow.

A Woman's Missionary Society is an organization for the women of a Baptist church, which meets regularly and has for its aims to stimulate a missionary spirit through prayer, the study of the missionary message of the Bible and world missions, personal service and regular contributions to missions.

MRS. E. R. FOX,
MRS. V. WINFREY LUFFMAN,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted. Comments by Mrs. V. Winfrey Luffman and Mrs. Earl James.

At this point the Moderator recognized and welcomed Bro. Smith Hagaman from the Baptist Hospital.

Song, "Revive Us Again."

Report on the Baptist Hospital was read by the Clerk.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital, located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, received its first patient May 28, 1923, and since that time more than 55,000 patients have been treated.

The enlargement of the hospital reports a change of capacity from 100 to 300 and the hospital is now treating from 4,000 to 10,000 patients annually. The old building has been completely overhauled with all of the modern conveniences and hospital facilities.

The new hospital has been furnished with new and modern appliances. The X-Ray Department represents an expenditure of more than \$44,000.00. The enlarged building represents an expenditure of about \$700,000.00 and in addition to this expenditure the grounds have been beautifully landscaped, which was paid for by friends of the hospital.

The hospital's present staff consists of about thirty internes and about seventy-five doctors practicing in the hospital. Of course, the war has greatly affected the nursing and medical staff.

The American Medical Association has given the Baptist Hospital the highest rating of any hospital in the South. The Hospital is training a great number of young women in nursing and in a little while the Hospital will be able to add an additional 125 new nurses.

The cooperation of the Hospital and the Medical School has given the Baptist Hospital a peculiar addition over any other hospital in the South. These two institutions have a floor space of more than four acres, which represents a total value to the Baptist Denomination of more than \$2,000,000.00. The Superintendent, Mr. Smith Hagaman, reports there is a growing public interest in the hospital and that this interest is noted throughout the state. Difficult cases from doctors in other hospitals are coming to the Baptist Hospital in increasing numbers. He further points out in his report the growing interest reflected in the Mother's Day offering from churches and Sunday Schools. In 1942

reports from Mother's Day offering \$39,809.21, from Duke Foundation \$15,437.00, that in addition to the above receipts, the Hospital has received from W. M. U. \$2,489.00. For the year 1942, the hospital served free 2,500 patients, which represents a total cost of \$412,750.00.

What an opportunity for North Carolina Baptists to serve and bless the sick and suffering both physically and spiritually. It is urged that we continue to take the Mother's Day offering. It is a cause of such great importance that the churches should have no hesitancy in making liberal donations.

JOHN R. JONES, Committee.

On motion report was adopted.

A soul-inspiring message concerning the work of the Baptist Hospital was brought by Bro. Hagaman followed by Rev. Grant Cothren and Bro. Young Brooks.

Adjourned for lunch. Prayer by Rev. John Burcham.

1:00 o'clock P. M. the Association reassembled and opened the afternoon session by singing, "Lord, Lead Me On." Prayer by Mrs. Earl James.

Rev. Carl C. Cockerham read the report on Missions.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

For many years the Baptists of North Carolina have worked together in an organized way to evangelize and train the people of our state. The Baptists of North Carolina outnumber any other denomination. There are about 2600 Baptist churches in our state and about one-half of the people who are members of any church are members of Baptist Churches.

It is estimated that there are a million unsaved people in North Carolina. It is also estimated that there are 300,000 members of churches who attend church now and then, who do not give much for the cause of Christianity and are inactive.

There has been spent in North Carolina some sixty million dollars on liquor, wine, beer, etc.—nearly fifty times as much as North Carolina Baptists give to missions, education and benevolence. The total given by North Carolina Baptists this year for all educational, benevolent and mission objects is \$1,300,000.00. Of that amount, about \$150,000.00 is for State Missions proper. When we attend church now we should not forget the three books which are so essential: the Bible, hymn book and pocket book. There are many in the war-torn world starving; let us help feed them.

As for foreign missions, let us not forget the command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. Let this be our motto, "Trust in the Lord and tell the people." "Freely ye have received, freely give." It is more blessed to give than to receive."

CARL C. COCKERHAM, Committee.

Discussed by Bro. Cockerham. Motion for adoption of report and remarks; and also the suggestion that an offering be taken at this session and Sunday's session of the Association for Chinese Relief.

Report on Orphanage read by Rev. Minter L. Blevins.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

In this report, it is impossible to give in detail the many worthwhile things the Baptist Orphanage is accomplishing. The responsibility of the institutional officials is to acquaint the churches with the present and ever-growing needs; when this has been done, the responsibility becomes ours—the responsibility of your church and my church.

There are three classes of children who are looking to our Orphanage for aid and guidance: Full orphans, half orphans and victims of wrecked homes. Full orphans are those whose father and mother are both dead; half-orphans are those who have lost one of their parents. Victims of wrecked homes comprise children for whom society is responsible. We, the church people, are the best safeguard these children have through our Orphanage. The cost of this work is around \$500.00 daily and as the work expands, the cost grows too. There must be no let up in our efforts.

The reports from the school show a daily attendance of 99%. Educational advantages for these children are on par with any other child of the State. Church and Sunday School attendance is excellent with 90% above junior age belonging to the church. Spiritual welfare of the children is always foremost in the minds of loved ones and we can be assured this is being taken care of.

We offer the following recommendations: That every Sunday School should set aside special Sundays to take offerings for the Orphanage; that every Sunday School and Church should have a special Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage; that every pastor should acquaint his flock with the Orphanage paper, Charity and Children, and subscribe for it in clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

MINTER L. BLEVINS, Committee.

Motion for adoption. Discussed by Bro. Blevins, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Bro. Young Brooks and Bro. J. A. Gilliam.

Report on Pastor and Church Relationship read by Bro. U. M. Myers.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

There are a great many relationships whereby we recognize each other but, in my opinion, the relationship of Church and Pastor is second to none in importance. If we are to make worship real and broaden Christian horizons, the relationship between Pastor and Church must play an important part in the spiritual relation. The Pastor should lead the Church and the Christian should follow the Pastor in striving for higher planes of Christian experience. The right relationship between Pastor and Church makes it easier for each to live in simple touch with God.

We like to think of the Apostle Paul and his relationship to the churches he established. Like all true ministers of the Gospel, Paul felt a responsibility for these churches and wrote them messages of advice and encouragement to help when he had to be away. Pastor and Church should each be concerned with both the temporal and spiritual needs of the other. No Pastor can fully carry out the great command

to go and preach the Gospel without the prayerful support and financial aid of the Church.

U. M. MYERS, Committee

On motion the report was adopted. Remarks by Rev. John Burcham.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher: Bro. John McGrady, Mrs. B. W. Pendry and Mrs. V. Winfrey Luffman.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have 600 minutes printed and distributed.

Song, "We Won't Come Back."

Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher read by the Clerk.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1944, at 10:00 o'clock.

Place: Benham Baptist Church

Preacher: Rev. Minter L. Blevins; alternate: Rev. John Burcham.

JOHN McGRADY,

MRS. B. W. PENDRY,

MRS. V. WINFREY LUFFMAN,

Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Clerk to be allowed \$10.00 for his services in preparing and distributing minutes.

The Report on Resolutions was read at this time.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that the Stone Mountain Association return our thanks to the members of Stony Ridge Baptist Church and community for their kind hospitality in entertaining this association. May God's richest blessings rest upon them.

J. Z. ADAMS,

MINTER L. BLEVINS, Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Song, "There Is a Fountain."

Motion for adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Carl C. Cockerham.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Services conducted by Rev. Grant Cothren and Rev. Lester C. Johnson.

SUNDAY SESSION

The Sunday session of the Association was opened by singing "Amazing Grace."

Devotional conducted by Rev. J. A. Blevins reading the second chapter of Philipians. Song, "I Am Going On." Prayer by Rev. Lester C. Johnson.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Mrs. J. L. Gregory.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We are living in a day when people consider the worth of things. Let us study the value of the Sunday School to the Church. This is the part of the Church where all ages come to study, serve and worship.

The Sunday School serves to make the Church tangible to the children, the young people and the old alike. The strength of the Church can largely be measured by its Sunday School. The Sunday School serves the Church in the same way as the holding up of Moses' hands did the Israelites in the battle against Amalek.

So, let's give the Sunday School our support by endeavoring to send delegates to represent an evergreen Sunday School from every church in our Association to our next Sunday School convention, meeting on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May with Pleasant Ridge Church.

MRS. J. L. GREGORY, Committee.

On motion the report was adopted. Discussion by Mrs. Gregory.

Rev. J. Z. Adams made an interesting talk on the subject, "The Church in Time of War."

Song, "The Pearly White Gate."

At this time, an offering was taken for Chinese Relief.

Song, "Waiting for the Boys to Come Home."

Sermon by Dr. I. G. Greer of the Baptist Orphanage from the text, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." He delivered a most inspiring and challenging message on the subject of making men and women out of the left-overs.

The Moderator turned the service over to Rev. S. L. Blevins to close as he saw fit. All the ministers present were asked to come forward and the congregation joined in singing a hymn and in a general handshake.

Peace, unity and fellowship marked the entire session. May it ever be so.

CLERK.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Baptist Home—I. F. Elledge, Watson Bryant, John McGrady.
Benham—E. W. Smith, J. A. West, Marcus Tucker.
Chestnut Grove—John Walker, Judie Key, McKinley Absher.
Dehart—Fred Rhoades, Odell Handy, J. Y. Brooks.
Elk Spur—John A. Royal, Marvin Lyon, Howard Royal.
Fairplains—J. V. Wallace, W. G. Sebastian, C. A. Marlowe.
Flint Hill—D. V. Brown, W. C. Clonch, Lewie Blackburn.
Haymeadow—I. H. Sebastian, V. M. Harrold, U. M. Myers.
Knobbs—C. S. Lyon, Garfield Key, Flossie Crabb.
Maple Grove—J. A. Gilliam, C. C. Gambill, Glenn Dancy.
Mountain Valley—J. C. Kilby, J. H. Adams, Louis Adams.
Mountain View—Wilmer Woodruff, Burlesome Elledge, C. E. Billings, Jr.
Mt. Pisgah—L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher, W. N. Sparks.
Mt. Zion—L. H. Shumate, L. W. Shumate, R. C. Dancy.
New Light—Clifton Prevette, Boss Blackburn, Edd Parks.
Oak Grove—T. L. Spears, Noah Griffin, Heg Miller.
Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, J. W. Mayberry, Joncie Cleary.
Pleasant Ridge—V. Winfrey Luffman, D. N. Martin, M. M. Layell.
Roaring Gap—Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, J. N. Gentry, W. W. Callo-way.

Stony Ridge—C. W. Billings, G. B. Crabb, Sankie Wiles.
 Traphill—Mrs. Roy Billings, H. G. Pruitt, Claud Brown.
 Union—J. M. Parsons, I. R. Vannoy, Frank Huffman.
 Walnut Grove—C. D. Blevins, Charley Pruitt, Gorman Blevins.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Received for Minutes and Clerk	\$51.81
Received for Chinese Relief	34.64
Received for Old Ministers' Relief	10.25
Received for Hospital	7.50
Received for Cooperative Program	6.30
Received for Orphanage	5.00
Total	\$115.50

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Current Expenses from Mr. J. B. Williams....	\$ 5.00
Received from Finance Committee and otherwise:	
For Minutes and Clerk	\$51.81
Chinese Relief	34.64
Old Ministers' Relief	10.25
Hospital	7.50
Cooperative Program	6.30
Orphanage	5.00
Total	\$120.50

Paid to Clerk:

For Minutes and his services	\$41.00
For Chinese Relief	34.64
For Old Ministers' Relief	10.25
For Hospital	7.50
For Cooperative Program	6.30
For Orphanage	5.00
Total	\$104.69
Balance Cash on Hand	15.81
Total	\$120.50

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Treasurer.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism	69
Received by Letter	34
Received by Statement	1
Total Gain	104
Lost by Letter	37
Lost by Death	16
Lost by Erasure	1
Lost by Exclusion	1
Total Loss	55
Net Gain	49

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Clerk.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

The call to preach the Gospel is the highest honor that can come to man and it is a shame to us if we let our aged ministers or their widows suffer for the necessities of life. The Aged Ministers' Relief Board was established many years ago and has rendered much assistance since that time, but this Board can only pass on to the Ministers and their families what we put into their hands. May we urge that each church take an offering some time during the coming year for this worthy cause.

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, for Committee.

OUR DEAD

Dehart—Mr. B. B. Brown.

Haymeadow—Mr. W. B. Walker.

Mountain Valley—Mr. Frank Kilby.

Mountain View—Mr. W. J. Templeton.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Cansada Wyatt.

Oak Grove—Mrs. Nancy Killin.

Piney Grove—Deacon E. G. Smoot, Mrs. Bettie Sparks.

Traphill—Deacon Math Pruitt, Mr. Arthur Cox.

Union—Mr. John Eller.

Walnut Grove—Mrs. Margaret Caudill, Mrs. Matilda Handy, Mr. Jeff Billings, Mr. Ambrose Adams.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Stone Mountain Association, Year Ending Sept., 1943

CHURCHES	Located in Village, Town, City or County	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Total Members Re- ported Last Year	GAINS			LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Reverals During Yr.	Obs. Lords Supper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths				
Baptist Home	C	1880	Richard F. Day, Elkin	4	138	4	11	1	3	---	---	---	151	no	1	1
Benham	C	1919	Grant Cothren, Traphill	3	133	10	---	---	2	---	---	---	141	yes	1	1
Bethel	C	1886	Not represented	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chestnut Grove	C	1900	Lester C. Johnson, Hays	3	74	4	---	---	4	1	---	---	73	yes	1	1
Dehart	C	1879	Hillery Blevins, Hays	1	71	7	---	---	---	---	1	---	76	no	1	1
Elk Spur	C	1900	Howard Royal, Traphill	1	51	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	51	no	1	1
Fairplains	V	1902	S. L. Blevins, Hays	3	230	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	232	yes	1	1
Flint Hill	C	1912	Manley Byrd, Hays	3	91	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	94	no	2	---
Haymeadow	C	1905	D. C. Miller, Hays	3	157	2	1	---	2	---	1	---	157	no	1	1
Knobs	C	1906	C. C. Cockerham, Roaring River	4	99	3	---	---	1	---	---	---	101	no	1	1
Maple Grove	C	1932	S. L. Blevins, Hays	1	114	2	12	---	3	---	---	---	125	no	1	1
Mountain Valley	C	1902	W. B. Luffman, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro	2	94	2	1	---	2	---	1	---	94	no	1	1
Mountain View	V	1918	A. B. Hayes, Hays	4	68	---	2	---	4	---	1	---	65	no	1	---
Mt. Pisgah	C	1908	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	1	91	1	---	---	1	---	1	---	89	no	1	1
Mt. Zion	C	1898	Glenn Huffman, Parsons ville	4	87	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	85	no	1	1
New Light	C	1899	C. C. Cockerham, Roaring River	2	109	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	109	---	1	---
Oak Grove	C	1905	J. V. Yates, Crickett	4	50	50	---	---	2	---	1	---	47	no	---	---
Piney Grove	C	1888	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	4	155	---	---	---	3	---	2	---	150	yes	1	1
Pleasant Ridge	C	1907	S. L. Blevins, Hays	4	185	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	184	no	1	1
Roaring Gap	C	1902	Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	148	10	---	---	1	---	---	---	157	no	1	1
Rock Springs	C	1904	Not represented	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Stony Ridge	C	1905	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	3	67	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	73	no	1	1
Traphill	V	1887	Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	79	1	2	---	1	---	2	---	79	yes	1	1
Union	C	1911	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	3	132	11	3	---	4	---	1	---	141	no	2	1
Walnut Grove	C	1902	M. L. Blevins, Springfield	1	231	4	---	---	2	---	4	---	229	yes	1	1
Totals					2554	69	34	1	37	1	1	16	2703			

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1943

CHURCHES	Associational Superintendent J. A. Gilliam, Hays	CRADLE ROLL, 8 & under	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 years and up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Have you a Mission S.S.	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard At ?	Teachers hold diplomas
Baptist Home.....	Trealy Harrold, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	19	15	17	56	24	17	58	..	2	no	208	90	3	yes	no	
Benham.....	Rev. G. W. Curry, Benham	20	20	10	37	26	22	..	..	9	no	124	50	5	no	no	
Bethel.....	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Chestnut Grove.....	Gordie Shumate, Reddies River	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Dehart.....	E. E. Rhoades, Hays	..	..	12	14	11	14	15	..	..	no	66	40	2	no	no	1
Elk Spur.....	Not given	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Fairplains.....	Rev. J. W. Yale, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Flint Hill.....	D. V. Brown, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	15	20	16	10	24	12	..	..	6	no	103	63	3	yes	no	
Haymeadow.....	V. M. Harrold, Hays	10	10	6	6	36	..	..	..	6	..	64	32	3	yes	no	
Knobbs.....	C. S. Lyon, Traphill	..	12	..	..	20	18	..	..	..	..	50	30	1	no	no	
Maple Grove.....	Glenn Dancy, Hays	5	12	3	12	14	8	26	..	..	no	80	70	..	yes	no	2
Mountain Valley.....	Gwyn Hayes, Reddies River	4	15	20	12	24	20	..	..	..	no	95	68	..	no	no	
Mountain View.....	C. E. Billings, Hays	15	15	12	12	14	16	..	..	..	no	57	35	..	yes	no	
Mt. Pisgah.....	W. N. Sparks, Dockery	2	..	8	9	12	14	..	..	..	no	45	28	..	no	no	
Mt. Zion.....	Lawrence W. Shumate, Reddies R.	..	11	..	6	15	..	..	..	..	no	32	20	..	no	no	
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	4	9	7	10	7	9	..	..	..	no	46	46	..	no	no	
Oak Grove.....	Not given	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Piney Grove.....	J. W. Mayberry, Moxley	..	12	18	..	16	17	..	..	..	no	63	60	..	no	no	
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. W. Carter, State Road	17	11	29	20	26	25	63	35	12	no	238	133	..	yes	yes	
Roaring Gap.....	W. W. Calloway, Thurmond	..	6	10	15	24	21	..	..	..	..	76	65	6	no	no	
Rock Springs.....	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billings, Lomax	..	13	13	..	22	10	..	..	..	no	58	36	5	no	no	
Traphill.....	J. D. Nicholson, Traphill	20	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	no	60	35	1	no	no	
Union.....	A. A. Staley, Wilbar	..	6	12	..	40	10	..	..	4	no	72	50	10	no	no	
Walnut Grove.....	Charley Pruitt Springfield	3	10	12	15	17	29	..	..	5	no	9	67	..	no	no	

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts of Stone Mountain
Baptist Association for Year Ending September, 1943

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. W. M. S.	Total W. M. U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	Total Members Enrolled	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
		1	1	1	1	1	1
Baptist Home.....	Mrs. Glenn Eller, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	17	17	\$ 9.50	.....
Maple Grove.....	Mrs. E. R. Fox, Hays	1	1	24	24	77.65	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Walker Luffman, State Road ..	1	1	19	19	4.59	\$40.00

TABLE VI—Church Property of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1943

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1926	wood	400	1	*8	\$2500.00	\$2500.00	\$1500 00
Benham.....	E. W. Smith, Benham	yes	1919	wood	300	1	...	2500.00	2500.00	...
Bethel.....	Not represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie	yes	1903	wood	150	1	...	200.00	200.00	...
Dehart.....	R. E. Huie, Hays	yes	1915	wood	300	1	...	1000.00	1000.00	...
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill	yes	1900	wood	300	1	...	300.00	300.00	...
Fairplains.....	Lyman Shepherd, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1902	wood	500	5	4	3000.00	3000.00	...
Flint Hill.....	Mrs. Ida Brown, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1922	wood	300	1	...	2500.00	2700.00	...
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	yes	1905	wood	500	1	...	1000.00	1000.00	...
Knobs.....	C. S. Lyon, Traphill	yes	1906	wood	250	1	...	1000.00	1000.00	...
Maple Grove.....	A. C. Yale, Hays	yes	1932	wood	300	1	*8	1500.00	1500.00	...
Mountain Valley.....	Trelie Kilby, Reddies River	yes	1937	wood	300	1	...	1800.00	2000.00	...
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays	yes	1918	**	300	7	...	5000.00	5500.00	...
Mt. Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery	yes	1908	wood	400	1	...	1500.00	1500.00	...
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. H. T. Turner, Reddies River	yes	1898	wood	300	1	...	2000.00	2000.00	...
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	yes	1899	wood	500	1	...	1200.00	1200.00	...
Oak Grove.....	S. E. Owens, Wilbar	yes	1905	wood	250	1	...	300.00	300.00	...
Piney Grove.....	H. J. Spicer, Absher	yes	1888	wood	300	1	...	1000.00	1000.00	...
Pleasant Ridge.....	Hubert Martin, State Road	yes	1907	wood	400	8	5	2000.00	2000.00	1500.00
Roaring Gap.....	Raymond DeJournette, Thurmond	yes	1902	wood	500	1	...	1200.00	1200.00	...
Rock Springs.....	Not represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabb, Traphill	yes	1925	wood	400	1	...	1000.00	1000.00	...
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	yes	1887	wood	200	1	...	2000.00	2000.00	1000.00
Union.....	Evan Colvard, Wilbar	yes	1911	wood	300	1	...	1500.00	1500.00	...
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	yes	1902	wood	500	1	...	3000.00	3000.00	...

* Separated by curtains

** Brick veneer

TABLE VII—Gifts for Local Church Work of Stone Mountain Association, for Year Ending September, 1943

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, S. S., etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, North Wilkesboro.....	\$236.20	.....	\$4.23	.....	.....	\$25.51	\$47.77	.....	\$3.55	.....	\$367.26
Benham.....	Milt Windsor, Benham.....	81.88	\$15.00	.....	\$75.00	.....	145.00	.....	.....	2.91	.....	319.79
Bethel.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.65	\$ 3.61	97.41
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie R. E. Huie, Hays.....	73.15 24.60	.....	17.00 15.30	166.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.10	.....	208.60
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.30	.....	1.30
Fair Plains.....	Lyman Shepherd, N. Wilkesboro.....	213.90	.....	40.00	30.00	.....	30.00	60.00	.....	3.25	.....	377.15
Flint Hill.....	Mrs. Ida Brown, North Wilkesboro.....	43.00	30.00	.....	25.00	.....	5.00	12.12	.....	2.00	.....	117.12
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays.....	57.00	.....	39.00	.....	.....	9.60	12.33	.....	2.00	.....	119.93
Knobbs.....	Garfield Key, Traphill.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.10	.....	1.65	.....	24.75
Maple Grove.....	J. A. Gilliam, Hays.....	200.02	.....	49.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$10.00	.....	115.15	376.67
Mountain Valley.....	John Adams, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....	127.65	7.50	25.50	.....	\$50.00	18.20	36.50	10.00	2.00	.....	277.35
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays.....	90.00	.....	.....	4.00	.....	30.00	23.00	.....	2.00	.....	149.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, Dockery.....	96.18	.....	17.61	.....	.....	9.89	8.66	6.50	1.50	.....	140.34
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. H. T. Turner, Reddies River.....	155.00	.....	40.75	.....	.....	17.10	12.00	.....	2.50	.....	232.15
New Light.....	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River.....	20.23	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.15	10.20	.....	1.70	.....	35.28
Oak Grove.....	S. E. Owens, Wilbar.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	12.50
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Bowers, Absher.....	75.00	.....	.....	170.85	.....	.....	7.00	.....	2.00	.....	254.85
Pleasant Ridge.....	C. W. Luffman, State Road.....	388.46	.....	70.37	4.28	.....	66.90	61.44	.....	3.00	125.70	720.15
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. W. W. Calloway, Thurmond.....	95.00	8.00	35.82	33.30	.....	18.09	31.52	.....	2.70	32.00	256.43
Rock Springs.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billings, Lomax.....	80.00	17.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.82	.....	2.00	.....	110.82
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill.....	119.86	.....	24.25	28.80	.....	81.10	11.39	.....	2.00	.....	267.40
Union.....	Frank Huffman, Wilbar.....	110.00		44.00	250.00		9.60	20.00	25.00	3.00	5.00	466.60
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield.....	65.00		38.00			5.00			2.00		110.00

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TABLE VIII—Gifts for Missions, Education and All Benevolences, Stone Mountain Association, Sept., 1943

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Minis- ters' Relief	Hundred Thousand Club	Red Cross and Foreign Relief	Other Objects	(Missions) Total given for Missions & Benev. by Church & all Depts.	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Local Work & Missions—Giv- en by Ch. & All Org.
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, North Wilkesboro.						\$13.33					\$13.33	\$380.59
Benham.....	Milt Windsor, Benham												319.79
Bethel.....	Not represented							\$5.25				14.38	111.79
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie				\$ 3.65	\$5.48						6.05	214.65
Dehart.....	R. E. Huie, Hays						6.05					22.00	23.30
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill						22.00					73.05	450.20
Fairplains.....	Lyman Shepherd, N. Wilkesboro.					40.05	33.00					15.00	132.12
Flint Hill.....	Mrs. Ida Brown, North Wilkesboro					5.00	5.00	5.00				16.05	135.98
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays					5.35	5.35				\$5.35	3.60	98.35
Knobbs.....	Garfield Key, Traphill						3.60					48.19	824.86
Maple Grove.....	J. A. Gilliam, Hays	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$355.00	29.88		38.31	10.00	\$5.00	\$11.37		35.37	312.72
Mountain Valley.....	John Adams, R. 1, Wilkesboro						24.00					2.00	149.90
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays											41.00	273.15
Mt. Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, Dockery					2.00					15.00	2.25	37.53
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. H. T. Turner, Reddies River	6.00				5.00	10.00	5.00				1.50	14.90
New Light.....	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River						2.25					5.00	259.85
Oak Grove.....	S. E. Owens, Wilbar						1.50					203.12	923.27
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Bowers, Absher						5.00					32.74	289.17
Pleasant Ridge.....	C. W. Luffman, State Road	\$20.00	11.28	5.50	10.50	83.08	26.76	15.00	5.00	21.00			
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. W. W. Calloway, Thurmond					6.00	21.74	5.00					
Rock Springs.....	Not represented												
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billines, Lomax					2.50						2.50	113.32
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill		25.13	10.50			3.06					38.69	306.99
Union.....	Frank Huffman, Wilbar	6.30				5.76	5.00	5.00				22.06	488.66
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield					5.00						5.00	115.00

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
SESSION
OF THE
STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Benham Baptist Church
September 22, 23, 24, 1944

DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. C. Yale	Hays, N. C.
Bruce Billings	Dockery, N. C.
Grady F. Miller	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
C. E. Billings	Hays, N. C.
John McGrady	North Wilkesboro, N. C.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Glenn Dancy	Hays, N. C.
A. R. Myers	Hays, N. C.
Rev. A. B. Hayes	Hays, N. C.
E. R. Fox	Hays, N. C.
J. V. Wallace	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
J. A. Gilliam	Hays, N. C.
V. Winfrey Luffman	State Road, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. M. Absher	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
J. Z. Adams	Traphill, N. C.
B. H. Barker	Roaring River, N. C.
Ernest Blevins	Hays, N. C.
Hillery Blevins	Hays, N. C.
J. A. Blevins	Hays, N. C.
M. L. Blevins	Springfield, N. C.
S. L. Blevins	Hays, N. C.
T. E. Blevins	Springfield, N. C.
Watson Bryant	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
H. A. Bullis	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
John Burcham	Roaring River, N. C.
Albert Byrd	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Willis Byrd	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
C. M. Caudill	Hays, N. C.
W. F. Cooper	Traphill, N. C.
Grant Cothren	Traphill, N. C.
G. W. Curry	Benham, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Association^{ss} mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its forty-eighth annual session with Benham Baptist Church September 22, 1944, at 10:00 A. M.

Hymns: "How Firm A Foundation" and "Amazing Grace." Devotional conducted by Rev. J. A. MacMillan of Thomasville.

Hymn, "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Prayer by Rev. L. B. Murray.

Introductory Sermon delivered by Rev. M. L. Blevins using as his text, Ephesians 4:3.

The Moderator called the roll of Churches and nineteen were represented by letters. On motion, the Association received the letters and decided to omit reading them.

The Moderator inquired as to how many were present who were also present at the organization of the Stone Mountain Association and two responded.

On motion, J. A. Gilliam was re-elected Moderator and V. Winfrey Luffman re-elected Clerk.

Rev. S. L. Blevins presented Bro. Gilliam with a fine red apple and drew an interesting comparison between the development of this apple and the development of a Christian.

The Moderator then recognized the following visitors: Rev. J. A. MacMillan, Thomasville; Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone; Rev. D. L. Temple, Pilot Mountain Association; Rev. A. C. Larrimore, Pilot Mountain Association; Rev. B. C. Jordan, Brier Creek Association; Rev. Lester Johnson, Elkin Association; Rev. Glenn Huffman, Brushy Mountain Association.

Rev. J. A. MacMillan brought a most inspiring message, using as his subject, "The Home—a God-given Institution."

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

MISSIONS—C. C. Gambill, Rev. J. C. Canipe, C. B. Settle.

PERIODICALS—Rev. J. Z. Adams.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. John Burcham, Rev. L. B. Murray, Harrison Warren, J. V. Wallace.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev. A. B. Hayes, Rev. W. F. Cooper, Mrs. V. Winfrey Luffman.

FINANCE—E. W. Smith, Rev. Hillery Blevins, W. B. Beamer.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—U. M. Myers.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS—W. M. Pruitt, J. A. Blevins, Hillery Byrd.

W. M. U.—Mrs. V. Winfrey Luffman, Mrs. E. R. Fox.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL—Grady F. Miller, Rev. Grant Cothren, Mrs. Glenn Daney.

ORPHANAGE—C. C. Blevins, Rev. J. A. MacMillan.

Adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by singing the hymn, "The Old Country Church."

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the following visitors were recognized: Rev. Roy Franklin, Primitive Association, and Rev. W. B. Luffman, Elkin Association.

A stirring message on Missions was brought by Rev. J. C. Canipe, using the tenth chapter of Romans.

The following report on Temperance was read by Rev. S. L. Blevins:

TEMPERANCE REPORT

I have seen habitual drinkers, dram drinkers and total abstainers. From my observation, it pays to be an abstainer if in this life only, and from the Bible teaching, I know it pays in the life that now is and the life to come.

The Temperance problem would be no problem at all if each individual would do everything possible to eliminate the usage of strong drink.

HARRISON WARREN, Committee.

This subject was discussed by Rev. S. L. Blevins and Rev. John Burcham. On motion, report and remarks adopted.

The report on Christian Education was read by Rev. A. B. Hayes.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

By Christian Education we mean training in a world view which is based solely and entirely on faith in the Son of God, the Lord, Jesus Christ.

There are schools and colleges where our boys and girls may go to receive Christian training. Mars Hill Junior College, Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges are some of these.

This training should, and must, begin in the home by parents who know and love the Lord.

A. B. HAYES, Committee.

This was discussed by Bro. Hayes and the report and remarks adopted on motion.

The Committee on Religious Exercises (delegates from Benham Church) reported that no services would be held at the Church on Friday night; Rev. Grant Cothren would preach Saturday night at 8:00 P. M.

The Moderator welcomed the following visitors: Bro. Ford Gilliam, Bro. John Darnell and Bro. Nichols of the Elkin Association.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by Rev. Roy Franklin.

SATURDAY SESSION

At 9:30 Saturday morning the Association met to continue its work. Hymns: "Have Thine Own Way" and "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

Devotional was conducted by Rev. L. B. Murray, using as his subject Psalm 103.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and invitation extended to visitors. Bro. M. L. Pettyjohn and Mrs. Pettyjohn from the Elkin Association accepted a seat with us.

The following report on Pastor and Church Relationship was read:

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP REPORT

Since we recognize each other by business, social and spiritual relationship, the spiritual should have first consideration. No Church can do its best work without perfect understanding and cooperation with each other.

The Pastor should be a man of understanding and patience and the Church should also be considerate of the Pastor's problems. Without this teamwork, the Church and Pastor will both suffer and the work of God's kingdom be retarded; therefore, the selection of a Pastor is very important for both Pastor and Church.

W. M. PRUITT, Committee.

Discussion by Rev. Carl Cockerham, Bro. Hillery Byrd and Rev. L. B. Murray. Report and remarks adopted.

The report on the Biblical Recorder submitted by the Editor was adopted and the Clerk instructed to use such parts as he should see fit in the minutes.

PERIODICALS REPORT

The Biblical Recorder is a good, wholesome, attractive weekly that will be of interest and help to the whole family circle and is a solid, substantial denominational journal. It is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

One of the great needs for our people is that they be informed, trained, and enlisted in the whole program of the church and the Kingdom of God; and we feel that the Biblical Recorder is of immense value in this great cause.

L. L. CARPENTER, Editor.

The Moderator appointed Grady F. Miller and J. L. Gregory to prepare a report on Ministerial Relief in the absence of the Committee.

Report on W. M. U. work read by Mrs. Luffman:

W. M. U. REPORT

A Woman's Missionary Union is the women of a Baptist Church at work. The program of the W. M. U. is mainly one of study about missions and missionary work. This is nothing more nor less than evangelism, for soul-winning is the heart of missions at home and abroad. The very spirit of the organization leads the members to be concerned for the souls of lost people anywhere and everywhere.

MRS. V. WINFREY LUFFMAN,

MRS. E. R. FOX, Committee.

Discussed by Mrs. Luffman, Mrs. Glenn Dancy and Rev. Grant Cothren. Report and remarks adopted.

On motion, Clerk was ordered to have 750 copies of minutes printed and to pay for them from funds in treasury; also, that Clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services in preparing and distributing minutes.

Adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened at 1:00 P. M. by singing "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood."

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Time, Place and Preacher: Rev. L. E. Sparks, Bro. D. N. Martin, Mrs. B. W. Pendry.

The Hospital Report was read by Bro. Grady F. Miller:

HOSPITAL REPORT

The Baptist Hospital was established by our denomination for the purpose of providing hospital facilities for the sick of our state who are not financially able to pay for treatment. In normal times, about one-third of the population of our state is found in this class. It was the purpose of our Baptist brethren that this should be rendered as a great Christian service by the entire denomination.

The hospital in cooperation with the Medical School, has a staff of doctors capable of treating almost any condition of physical ills. Notwithstanding the recent expansion of the hospital's facilities, it is constantly over-crowded, which makes it impossible to render prompt and much needed service to all who apply.

GRADY F. MILLER, Committee.

Discussed by Bro. Miller, Grant Cothren, Grant Burcham, Mrs. Ruth Ross, Mrs. C. C. Cockerham, M. M. Layell and J. A. Gilliam. Report and remarks adopted.

Report on Orphanage read by Bro. C. C. Blevins:

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The North Carolina Baptist Orphanage has for its object the support, caring for, and training of dependent children of the white race. As a result of good food, regular hours and the cooperation of all workers, the health of these children is far above that of the outside population. Each day, 600 children must depend on the friends of the Orphanage for support. On account of the increased cost of living the monthly contributions and Thanksgiving offering should be larger this year than they have ever been before.

In the name of Christ whose love for the orphan child was supreme and as an opportunity for enriching our own lives, let us rededicate ourselves to the task of supporting and training the boys and girls committed to our care.

C. C. BLEVINS, Committee.

Remarks by Bro. Blevins, Miss Ada Settle, Mrs. V. W. Luffman and Mrs. Glenn Dancy. On motion, report and remarks adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by Bro. Grady F. Miller:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF REPORT

The call to preach is the highest calling on earth. Preaching, properly done, is hard labor, and "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

Our government has passed a law whereby most laborers are taken care of after they have reached an age where they are unable to work longer; however, old Ministers are not included in these benefits. The Board can only distribute such funds as are provided by the churches; therefore, let us put forth an extra effort in each of our churches to see that this matter is brought before the churches and that liberal contributions are made for this worthy cause.

GRADY F. MILLER,
J. L. GREGORY, Committee.

On motion, report adopted.

Report on Time, Place and Preacher read by the Clerk.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER REPORT

Time: Beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1945, at 10:00 A. M.

Place: Mount Pisgah Baptist Church.

Preacher: Rev. S. L. Blevins; alternate, Rev. L. B. Murray.

L. E. SPARKS,
D. N. MARTIN,
MRS. B. W. PENDRY,
Committee.

On motion, adjourned until Sunday. Benediction by Rev. L. B. Murray.

SUNDAY SESSION

The Sunday session of the Association was opened by singing, "Where Could I Go But to the Lord," and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotional conducted by Rev. G. W. Curry reading the first Psalm. Prayer offered by Rev. Carl Cockerham.

At the Moderator's request, an offering was taken and presented to Benham Sunday School.

Sunday School report read by Clerk:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School is the institution in which our children are trained for the work of the Master and the older people grow stronger by studying the work of the Kingdom. We are planning for economic security when the war is over and our boys return, but it is more important that we set our churches in order and let them find America improved spiritually when they return. There's no better place to make God's work attractive to all classes and ages than the Sunday School.

We would recommend that each Church in the Stone Mountain Association endeavor to make their Sunday School something for our young men to be proud of when they come back waving the flag of victory.

MRS. J. L. GREGORY, Committee.

Discussed by V. Winfrey Luffman, J. A. Gilliam, Rev. Carl Cockerham. Discussions and report adopted.

Song, "The Empty Mansion."

Rev. Hillery Blevins brought a wonderful message using as a text Romans 8:17.

The Moderator asked that all the ministers present come forward and the congregation joined in singing "Farther Along" and a general handshake.

Benediction pronounced by Rev. Grant Cothren.

Peace, harmony and an unusually fine spirit of fellowship attended the entire session. God grant that it may ever be so.

CLERK.

MISSIONS REPORT

Christians have the great duty and privilege of sending the Gospel to those who have never heard it. The place to begin this world task is in our home community and spread the Gospel as far toward the "uttermost parts of the earth" as possible. The heart and soul of missions is the making and baptizing of disciples; in this we each may have a part.

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, for Committee.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to the Church at Benham for their generous hospitality during this Association. May God's richest blessings abide with them.

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, for Committee.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Baptist Home—John McGrady, Harvey Prevette, R. C. Tindall.

Benham—H. F. Byrd, C. B. Settle, Grover Walters.

Chestnut Grove—Juddie Key, McKinley Absher, J. A. Childress.

Dehart—J. Y. Brooks, E. E. Rhodes, L. O. Handy.

Elk Spur—John A. Royal, Will Wood, Marvin Lyon.

Fairplains—J. V. Wallace, Grady Miller, Mrs. J. W. Yale.

Flint Hill—D. V. Brown, Willie Blackburn, Lewie Blackburn.

Haymeadow—I. H. Sebastian, Rev. E. F. Blevins, Mrs. C. E. Smoot.

Knobbs—Watson Cheek, C. S. Lyon, Justine Cheek.

Maple Grove—J. A. Gilliam, Glenn Dancy, Lonnie Brown.

Mountain Valley—Gradon Foster, John Adams, Wint Royal.

Mountain View—Wilmer Woodruff, Prof. P. W. Greer, Miss Rosa Lee Pendry.

Mount Pisgah—L. G. Billings, W. W. Gambill, Bruce Billings.

Mount Zion—L. H. Shumate, Neff Johnson, J. F. Wyatt.

New Light—Clifton Prevette, W. E. Parks, Luther Prevette.

Oak Grove—J. M. Parsons, Noah Griffin, Jesse Spears.

Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, Loyd Cleary, Johnsie Cleary.

Pleasant Ridge—D. N. Martin, W. W. Carter, Amy Luffman.

Roaring Gap—W. R. DeJournette, H. H. Warren, W. W. Calloway.

Stony Ridge—G. B. Crabb, C. W. Billings, Amos Brooks.

Traphill—Mrs. Roy Billings, Miss Beatrice Holbrook, J. D. Nickelson.

Union—Evan L. Colvard, Frank Huffman, Hamp Taylor.

Walnut Grove—Gorman Blevins, Charlie Pruitt, M. M. Blevins.

FINANCE REPORT

Received for Minutes and Clerk	\$52.65
Received for Ministerial Relief	10.00
Received for Hospital	11.00
Received for Orphanage	5.00
Total	\$78.65

E. W. SMITH,
HILLERY BLEVINS,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$15.81
Received from Finance Committee and otherwise:	
For Minutes and Clerk	55.15
Ministerial Relief	10.00
Hospital	11.00
Orphanage	5.00
Total	\$96.96

Paid to Clerk and otherwise:	
For Hospital	\$11.00
Ministerial Relief	10.00
Orphanage	5.00
Postage	4.64
Clerk's services	10.00
Minutes	\$36.00

Total	\$76.64
Balance Cash on hand	20.32
Total	\$96.96

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Treasurer.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism.....	62	Lost by Letter	33
Received by Letter	7	Lost by Exclusion	1
Received by Statement.....	2	Lost by Erasure	2
Received by Restoration.....	2	Lost by Death	24
Total Gain	73	Total Loss	60
Net Gain.....			13

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Clerk.

OUR DEAD

Dehart—Miss Lona Rhoades.

Fairplains—Mrs. W. A. Bauguess.

Haymeadow—Mrs. Ruth Billings, Mr. C. H. Adams, Mr. Clyde Hawkins.

Mountain Valley—Mr. Vanis Mitchel, Mr. F. H. Nichols, Mrs. Clemey Brown.

Mountain View—Mrs. J. P. Elledge.

Mount Pisgah—Deacon J. O. Brewer, Mr. H. F. McMena-min.

New Light—Mrs. Claudie E. Parks.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Nina Gambill.

Pleasant Ridge—Mr. Wade Hemric.

Roaring Gap—Mrs. Sarah Durham.

Stony Ridge—Mr. Click Bauguess, Mrs. Julia Bauguess.

Traphill—Elder T. M. Lyon.

Union—Mrs. Annie Palmar.

Walnut Grove—Deacon J. R. Caudill, Mrs. Evaline Gambill.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Stone Mountain Association, Year Ending September, 1944

CHURCHES	Located in Village, Town, City or County	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES										GAINS					LOSSES					Total Present Mem- bers (Incl. Non-Res.)	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lords Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
			Days of Meeting	Total Members Re- ported Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths															
Baptist Home.....	C	1880	4	151	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	151	yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	151	yes	1	1	1
Benham.....	C	1917	2 & 3	141	8	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	146	yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	146	yes	1	1	1
Bethel.....	C	1886	2	73	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	74	yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	yes	1	1	1
Chestnut Grove.....	C	1900	2	76	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	1	1
Dehart.....	C	1879	2	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	1	1	1	1
Elk Spur.....	C	1900	2	232	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	227	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	227	1	1	1	1
Fairplains.....	V	1902	3	94	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	95	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	95	1	1	1	1
Flint Hill.....	C	1912	3	157	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	154	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	154	1	1	1	1
Haymeadow.....	C	1905	3	101	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	108	yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	108	yes	1	1	1
Knobbs.....	C	1906	1 & 4	125	7	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	129	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	129	1	1	1	1
Maple Grove.....	C	1932	2	94	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	91	yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	91	yes	1	1	1
Mountain Valley.....	C	1902	2	65	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	1
Mountain View.....	V	1918	4	89	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	88	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	88	1	1	1	1
Mount Pisgah.....	C	1879	1	85	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	85	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	85	1	1	1	1
Mount Zion.....	C	1898	2	109	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	108	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	108	1	1	1	1
New Light.....	C	1899	4	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	1	1	1	1
Oak Grove.....	C	1905	4	150	7	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	159	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	159	1	1	1	1
Piney Grove.....	C	1888	4	184	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	181	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	181	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Ridge.....	C	1907	2	157	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	158	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	158	1	1	1	1
Roaring Gap.....	C	1902	3	73	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	72	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	72	1	1	1	1
Rock Springs.....	C	1904	3	79	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	74	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	1	1	1	1
Stony Ridge.....	C	1905	3	141	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	137	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	137	1	1	1	1
Traphill.....	V	1887	4	229	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	235	yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	235	yes	1	1	1
Union.....	C	1911	1	79	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	74	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	1	1	1	1
Walnut Grove.....	C	1902	1	141	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	137	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	137	1	1	1	1

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1944

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TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts of Stone Mountain Baptist Association for the Year Ending September, 1944

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. U. AND POST OFFICES	No. of W. M. U.	W. M. U. Members	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
Baptist Home.....	Mrs. Lula Eller, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	.....	.....
Maple Grove.....	Mrs. E. R. Fox, Hays	1	1	\$18.70	\$11.56
Pleasant Ridge....	Mrs. Walker Luffman, State Road..	1	22	2.28	45.44

TABLE VI—Church Property of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1944

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1926	wood	400	1	*6	\$2500.00	\$2700.00	\$1500.00
Benham.....	E. W. Smith, Benham	yes	1919	wood	300	1	1	2500.00	2500.00	.....
Bethel.....	Not represented	yes	1944	wood	.....	1	1	1500.00	1500.00	.....
Chestnut Grove.....	Judith Key, Mertie	yes	1915	wood	300	1	1	1000.00	1000.00	.....
Dahart.....	L. O. Handy, Radical	yes	1900	wood	300	1	1	300.00	300.00	.....
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill	yes	1902	wood	500	5	4	3000.00	3000.00	.....
Fairplains.....	G. Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1922	wood	300	1	1	2500.00	2500.00	.....
Flint Hill.....	Mrs. Ida Brown, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1905	wood	.....	3	1	2500.00	2500.00	.....
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	yes	1906	wood	250	1	1	1000.00	1000.00	.....
Knobbs.....	C. S. Lyon, Traphill	yes	1932	wood	300	1	*8	1500.00	1500.00	.....
Maple Grove.....	A. C. Yale, Hays	yes	1937	wood	300	1	*6	1800.00	2000.00	1500.00
Mountain Valley.....	Graddon Foster, Reddies River	yes	1918†	300	7	.....	.....	5000.00	5500.00	.....
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays	yes	1908	wood	400	1	1	1500.00	1500.00	.....
Mount Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery	yes	1898	wood	300	1	1	2000.00	2000.00	.....
Mount Zion.....	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River	yes	1899	wood	500	1	1	1200.00	1200.00	.....
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	yes	1905	wood	250	1	1	700.00	700.00	.....
Oak Grove.....	Mrs. S. E. Owens, Wilbar	yes	1888	wood	300	1	1	1000.00	1000.00	.....
Piney Grove.....	H. H. Spicer, Absher	yes	1907	wood	400	8	5	2000.00	2000.00	1500.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	Hubert Martin, State Road	yes	1902	wood	500	1	1	1500.00	1500.00	1000.00
Roaring Gap.....	W. R. DeJournette, Thurmond	yes	1925	wood	400	1	1	1000.00	1000.00	.....
Rock Springs.....	Not represented	yes	1887	wood	200	1	1	2000.00	2000.00	1000.00
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabb, Traphill	yes	1911	wood	300	1	1	1500.00	1500.00	.....
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	yes	1944	wood	500	1	1	2500.00	2500.00	.....
Union.....	Evan L. Colvard, Wilbar	yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

† Brick and wood

* Separated by curtains

TABLE VII—Gifts for Local Church Work of Stone Mountain Association for the Year Ending Sept. 1944

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, S. S. etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations.
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	\$163.00		\$50.00		\$44.44	\$45.85	\$20.00	\$3.75	\$37.02	\$ 364.06
Benham.....	C. B. Settle, Benham	92.75				79.45	28.00		3.00		203.20
Bethel.....	Not represented										
Chestnut Grove.....	Juddie Key, Mertie	68.19		20.00	\$1373.00		2.50		2.00		1465.69
Dehart.....	Annel Brooks, Hays	80.50		23.50					2.25		106.25
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill					.50			2.50		3.00
Fairplains.....	G. Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro..	209.25				20.00	65.00		2.50		296.76
Flint Hill.....	Mrs. Ida Brown, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	70.80		13.90		24.50	11.39		2.00		122.59
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	24.62		45.00	1700.00		18.03		2.50		1790.15
Knobbs.....	Garfield Key, Traphill	52.00		32.00		9.95			1.50		95.45
Maple Grove.....	J. A. Gilliam, Hays	233.02		60.75		42.10	58.28	5.73	3.00	25.70	428.58
Mountain Valley.....	John Adams, Rt. 1, Wilkesboro	115.80				31.20	31.75		2.00		180.75
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays	85.00				70.75	22.20		2.00		179.95
Mount Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, Dockery	68.46		36.28	10.80	11.55	8.50	2.75	1.50	5.50	145.34
Mount Zion.....	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River	170.00			4.00		12.00		3.00		189.00
New Light.....	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River	44.25		20.15		7.67	11.75		2.00		85.82
Oak Grove.....	Mrs. S. E. Owens, Wilbar	50.00			200.00		3.00		1.00		254.00
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Bowers, Absher	75.00					8.00		2.00		85.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	C. W. Luffman, State Road	306.46				122.29	59.36	113.72	3.00	28.45	633.28
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. W. W. Calloway, Thurmond	120.00	\$44.34			29.74	29.54		3.00	7.00	233.62
Rock Springs.....	Not represented										
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billings, Lomax	80.00							2.15		102.15
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	89.10		20.00		12.10	13.00		2.50	17.45	172.91
Union.....	Frank Huffman, Wilbar	100.00		38.76		9.60	20.00		3.00		132.60
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	80.51	93.50	10.50	839.15	6.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	10.00	1061.66

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL
SESSION
OF THE
STONE MOUNTAIN
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church

September 21, 22, 23, 1945

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator **Hays, N. C.**

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Clerk, State Road, N. C.

The next session will be held with New Light Baptist Church, Roaring River, N. C., two miles off the Traphill-Roaring River Road via Shepherd's Crossroad, beginning at 10:00 A. M. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1946. Elder Grant Cothren to preach the introductory sermon; Elder A. B. Hayes, alternate.

Mr. William

DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Grady F. Miller	North Wilkesboro
Lonnie Billings	Dockery
A. C. Yale	Hays
John McGrady	North Wilkesboro
A. R. Myers	Hays

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Glenn Dancy	Hays
Rev. A. B. Hayes	Hays
Rev. H. E. Blevins	Hays
U. M. Myers	Hays
E. E. Rhoades	Radical
J. A. Gilliam	Hays
V. Winfrey Luffman	State Road

PASTORS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. F. Absher	Hays
J. Z. Adams	Traphill
E. H. Barker	Roaring River
Ernest Blevins	Hays
Hillery Blevins	Hays
J. A. Blevins	Hays
M. L. Blevins	Springfield
S. L. Blevins	Hays
T. E. Blevins	Springfield
J. S. Bryant	North Wilkesboro
Watson Bryant	North Wilkesboro
H. A. Bullis	North Wilkesboro
John Burcham	Roaring River
Albert Byrd	North Wilkesboro
Willis Byrd	North Wilkesboro
Andrew Call	North Wilkesboro
C. M. Caudill	Hays
S. T. Childress	North Wilkesboro
W. F. Cooper	Traphill
C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River
Grant Cothren	Traphill
G. W. Curry	Traphill
Ed Douglas	McGrady
Roy Franklin	Hays
Arthur Gambill	Moxley
A. B. Hayes	Hays
J. E. Hayes	North Wilkesboro
Uriah Hanks	Springfield
Wade Houck	Reddies River
J. G. Huffman	Parsonsville
Lester Johnson	Hays
John Kilby	North Wilkesboro
W. B. Luffman	North Wilkesboro
J. F. Lyon	Traphill
O. B. Mayberry	North Wilkesboro
D. C. Miller	Hays
L. B. Murray	State Road
G. W. Prevettts	Roaring River
Howard Royal	Traphill
A. A. Staley	Wilbar
L. E. Sparks	Moxley
Banner Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
J. W. Yale	North Wilkesboro
J. Quincy Yates	Wilbar

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CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

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16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.
6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
8. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its forty-ninth annual session with Mount Pisgah Baptist Church September 1, 1945, at 10:00 A. M.

Hymns: "Footsteps of Jesus" and "How Firm a Foundation."

Devotional conducted by Rev. L. E. Sparks using the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews.

Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River."

Prayer by Rev. Noah Hayes.

Introductory Sermon delivered by Rev. S. L. Blevins using John 3:2 as his text.

Prayer by Rev. Grant Cothren.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and roll of Churches called. Twenty letters were presented and read by the Clerk, assisted by Rev. Minter Blevins.

On motion, (By Rev. Grant Cothren, seconded by Rev. S. L. Blevins) J. A. Gilliam was re-elected Moderator and V. Winfrey Luffman re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator recognized the large number of Ministers present, and the following visitors: Rev. J. A. McMillan from Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville; Rev. M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill College; Rev. E. L. Spivey, representing the Baptist State Convention, Charlotte; Bro. Oliver Richardson, Primitive Association; Rev. Noah Hayes, Brushy Mountain Association; Dr. R. M. Hauss, Allied Church League.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

MISSIONS—Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, Rev. J. A. McMillan.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Miss Beatrice Holbrook, Rev. M. H. Kendall.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. Z. Adams, Rev. L. B. Murray.

ORPHANAGE—Bro. C. C. Gambill, Rev. J. A. McMillan.

FINANCE—Rev. Minter Blevins, Bro. John Teague.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF—Bro. U. M. Myers.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP—Rev. A. B. Hayes.

PERIODICALS—Rev. Minter Blevins.

HOSPITAL—Bro. C. C. Blevins.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—Mrs. Walker W. Luffman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Mrs. Glenn Dancy, Mrs. John R. Jones.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. A. B. Hayes, Bro. John McGrady.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—Bro. W. E. Parks, Bro. W. B. Beaman, Mrs. Winfrey Luffman.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Bro. L. G. Billings, Bro. W. N. Sparks, Bro. C. A. Absher.

Rev. J. A. McMillan brought a short message on the work of the Orphanage followed by remarks on the same subject by Rev. S. L. Blevins.

Adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by singing the Hymn: "Bringing in the Sheaves," followed by prayer led by Rev. Howard Royal.

Missions Report read by Mrs. Winfrey Luffman:

MISSIONS REPORT

"We are laborers together with God" (I Corinthians 3:9). God has given us a part and a responsibility in making the plan of salvation known. Each believer, great and small, has his place in the body of Christ and his own work to do and each will be rewarded, not for greatness, but for faithfulness.

Who will pray for the unsaved in your family and win them to Christ if you do not? Who will pray for the unsaved of your community and tell them the way of salvation if you do not? God still uses the same means of reaching people: the Word of God, by the Spirit of God, through the people of God. Jesus said that His followers were to be His witnesses. A witness is required to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Many of us never felt that our responsibility extended any further than our own church, our own association, or at most our own country. The last few years have changed this way of thinking. Our sons and brothers are scattered all over the world and some of them have died there in faraway, unknown places; those lands will be forever sacred to us because something of ourselves is there.

The marching orders of the Church are "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ." and only if we carry out those orders can we claim the promise" . . . and lo, I am with you alway."

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN

J. A. McMILLAN, Committee.

Discussed by Mrs. Luffman and Rev. E. L. Spivey of the State Board. On motion, report and remarks adopted.

Rev. M. H. Kendall brought an interesting message on Christian Education—report to be turned in later. Message and report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

In Baptist Schools and Colleges, young men and women have an opportunity to prepare themselves for whatever place duty calls, to study in a wholesome and stimulating atmosphere, under the influence of capable and inspiring teachers.

The constant aim of these schools is the development of character through knowledge and training that give emphasis to spiritual values. It is the purpose of these institutions to send out men and women richer and fuller in life, enlarged and sanctified in vision, and Christ-controlled in action, because they have studied there.

M. H. KENDALL, Committee.

Report on Periodicals read by Rev. Minter Blevins:

PERIODICALS REPORT

This is a day of propaganda. Forces, not akin to church, use means at their disposal for their own advantage. Much space in the press and much time on the radio is given to promotion of things unwholesome. It is for the church to help enlighten along the lines of things of value. We, as Baptists, must be awakened to the great need for valuable reading for our young and old.

The Baptist denomination offers its people a high and worthwhile type of reading material. Our periodicals should be read in our homes to strengthen and enlarge our vision. Two of them are published in our own state: "Charity and Children" and "Biblical Recorder." These are worthy of our support and can be used to a great advantage in our Baptist ranks.

We offer the following recommendations: We should stress the value of good literature for Baptist homes; leaders in churches should acquaint congregations more thoroughly with our own literature.

Respectfully submitted

MINTER L. BLEVINS, Committee.

On motion, report adopted and discussion dispensed with because of lack of time.

Temperance Report read by Rev. J. Z. Adams:

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee, report the following: We find that great improvement has been made in behalf of temperance—much less drinking and Prohibition law violation—for which we give credit to the pastors and Sunday School teachers. Therefore, we recommend that the churches continue to give full support to the pastors and teachers in behalf of the temperance cause.

J. Z. ADAMS,

L. B. MURRAY, Committee

Discussed by Bro. Adams and Bro. Murray. Dr. R. M. Hauss brought a forceful message on this subject and explained the work of the Allied Church League. On motion, report and discussion adopted.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by Rev. S. L. Blevins.

Services were held at the Church Friday night with sermon by Rev. Grant Cothren.

SATURDAY SESSION

Hymns: "I Want to be a Worker" and "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

Devotional by Rev. Grant Cothren with prayer led by Rev. W. F. Cooper.

Upon invitation of Moderator, letters from two more churches were presented and read by the Clerk.

The Moderator recognized the Ministers present and extended a welcome to Rev. R. G. Grigg who was representing the Baptist Hospital.

Special recognition was given to three members who were present at the organization of the Stone Mountain Association: Rev. Grant Cothren, Bro. Young Brooks and Bro. M. L. Walker. Bro. Brooks spoke briefly concerning the history of the Association.

Pastor and Church Relationship Report read by Rev. A. B. Hayes:

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

The work of pastor and church is such a united relationship that it requires unity of spirit in all the fundamentals of Christ's

program and plan of reaching and saving the lost. The church is a spiritual organization of regenerated, baptized believers in the Lord, Jesus Christ, set apart for the specific purpose of winning the lost, with the pastor, who is the local head. Christ is head over all.

The church, in selecting the pastor, should spend much time in prayer and meditation. The pastor should do the same so that pastor and church make no mistake. When this is done, if both pastor and church follow the New Testament plan found in the Acts of the Apostles, the relationship will be unity of heart and soul, abounding in grace, generosity and power. This will be in keeping with the model church — the Apostolic church.

A. B. HAYES, Committee.

Discussed by Bro. Hayes, Rev. S. L. Blevins and Rev. L. B. Murray. On motion, report and remarks adopted.

Hymn: "How Firm A Foundation."

Rev. R. G. Grigg reported on the Baptist Hospital (written report for the minutes to be sent in later). Remarks by Rev. Howard Royal, Bro. Quincy Royal, Bro. Lyon, Rev. A. B. Hayes, Rev. Grant Cothren, Rev. W. F. Cooper and Rev. L. B. Murray. On motion, report and remarks adopted.

HOSPITAL REPORT

The underlying purpose of the Baptist Hospital has always been medical care for the poor. Since the day it received its first patient it has offered a high type of hospital care on a statewide basis. Its caliber of service was enhanced many times over when the Wake Forest Medical School became a four-year school in 1941 and was located adjacent to the Baptist Hospital. When the Baptist Hospital became a teaching hospital, its purpose became twofold — teaching and healing, the twin endeavors of Christ.

North Carolina Baptists have developed in their hospital one of the greatest medical centers in our country, and at the same time one of the strongest influences for the cause of Christ that exists in any land. Its huge opportunities for serving as an agency of mercy, as a means of teaching, and as a means of spreading the influence of Christ are a challenge to the generous heart of our great denomination that its program will not be restricted for lack of finances. All of its activities are operated on the highest of standards, and hence it requires a tremendous budget. It is self-supporting with the exception of its charity work, and it for this merciful side of its program that North Carolina Baptists this year are giving over \$100,000.00 through the Mother's Day Program.

R. G. GRIGG, Committee.

Adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with the hymn: "Amazing Grace."

Orphanage Report submitted by C. C. Gambill and read by Clerk. Remarks by Rev. S. L. Blevins and Rev. A. B. Hayes.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Wars may come and go, we may sign treaties of peace and establish world tribunals, but the homeless child is ever with us. Wars have always been hazardous to homes and to childhood. During the past two years, many children have been born in this country who have never seen, and will never see their fathers. These fathers have given their last full measure of devotion in the service of their country. Others, through dissipation and neglect have shirked their responsibility as parents, and left helpless children dependent on Christian citizens. Shall we be faithful to these children? This condition is nothing new. It gave Christ, when He was

in the world, great concern and caused Him to exclaim. "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones - - it were better that a millstone be hanged about his neck - -." Our orphanage is the most direct channel through which Baptists may render service to dependent children.

During the past year, in spite of the increased cost of living, we cared for approximately 700 children in the Mills Home and Kennedy Home, through Mother's Aid and in Boarding Houses. In addition to this, orphanage representatives rendered perhaps their best service to more than 300 children, by helping families work out their domestic problems, thus preventing the necessity of having to take these children into the institution. Through these faithful efforts, more than a thousand children were aided.

It costs \$675.00 a day to care for the large family now in the orphanage. We cannot build orphanages large enough to care for all needy children. Christian people should in some way stimulate fathers and mothers to rededicate themselves to the task of building good homes. Wrecked homes are the greatest tragedies of the present generation. We win military victories in vain, at the expense of our fine boys and girls, unless we can here at home win moral and spiritual victories that will unshackle the children of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. GAMBILL,

J. A. McMILLAN, Committee.

On motion, report and remarks adopted.

W. M. U. Report read by Mrs. Walker Luffman:

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

"It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened," Luke 13:12.

The Woman's Missionary Union is an organization for the women and young people in a Baptist church for the purpose of promoting worldwide missions. Its aims and ideals are based on the fundamental principles of Christian living: Bible and missions study; prayer and personal service; enlistment, soul-winning and Christian stewardship. These ideals are so emphasized in the programs and activities of each organization as to stimulate each member to develop every phase of life in the light of the Great Commission.

Every Missionary Baptist Church ought to have a Woman's Missionary Union to give the great missionary education needed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALKER LUFFMAN, Committee.

Discussed by Mrs. Luffman. On motion, report and remarks adopted.

On motion, Clerk was instructed to have the Articles of Faith printed in the minutes.

On motion, Clerk was instructed to have 750 minutes printed and pay for them from treasury funds; also, that Clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

Resolution Report read by Rev. A. B. Hayes:

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to extend to Mount Pisgah Church and community our sincere thanks for the fine hospitality, fellowship and friendliness in caring for and feeding those attending the association. May the blessings of the Lord be continually with them.

JOHN McGRADY, Committee
A. B. HAYES

On motion, report adopted.

Report on Old Ministers' Relief read by Clerk:

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF REPORT

The person who answers the call to preach, answers the highest calling on earth and possibly has the hardest job with the least income. Those who answer this call give their time to God and do not have the time that others have to make a living at other work.

The government has established a board and made provision to retire all their employees at a certain age: also the state of North Carolina retires its employees at a certain age with some financial assistance. The minister who gives his life for the cause of God and the sake of the people is not on a salary with retirement provision; therefore, it is necessary that he be taken care of and I know of no better way than through the organization of Old Ministers' Relief. All churches and Christians should be willing to contribute very generously to this organization.

U. M. MYERS, Committee

On motion, report adopted.

Report on Time, Place and Preacher read by Clerk:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER REPORT

Time: Beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1946 at 10:00 A. M.

Place: New Light Baptist Church.

Preacher: Rev. Grant Cothren; alternate, Rev. A. B. Hayes.

W. E. PARKS,

W. B. BEAMAN,

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Committee.

On motion, report adopted.

On motion, a committee composed of J. A. Gilliam, V. Winfrey Luffman and Grady F. Miller was appointed to gather all available material on the history of the Stone Mountain Association and report at the next session (50th) of the association.

Hymn: "I'll Live On" and general handshake. Benediction by Bro. J. A. Gilliam.

SUNDAY SESSION

The Sunday session of the association was opened by singing "Bringing In The Sheaves" and "Are You Washed In The Blood."

Devotional conducted by Bro. J. A. Gilliam using the 47th chapter of Genesis. Prayer by Rev. Roy Franklin.

Hymn: "The Unclouded Day."

Sunday School Report read by Clerk:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We have learned a lesson in the last few years — that preparedness is essential to all our endeavors, both offensive and defensive, and is essential to progress. We have passed through a great world conflict and by our efforts and the help of God have come out victorious. We have sacrificed and have lost in human lives and have experienced heartaches and sorrows unspeakable. We still find ourselves in the great conflict of right against wrong and face the tragedy of losing the good names and souls of our loved ones unless they are trained and prepared.

If we and our children are to be trained and prepared, we must study and learn. There is no better place to study and learn than in the Sunday School, a Bible school where we may assemble and learn of His wisdom. We should therefore, make every effort to make our Sunday Schools interesting and make every effort to train the untrained and carry out His great commands.

MRS. GLENN DANCY, Committee.

Discussed by Rev. S. L. Blevins, Bro. Winfrey Luffman, Rev. L. B. Murray. On motion, report and remarks adopted.

At the Moderator's suggestion, an offering was taken for Mount Pisgah Church. This offering amounted to \$15.55.

Hymn: "I Am Resolved." Prayer led by Rev. L. E. Sparks.

Sermon by Rev. L. B. Murray using as his text Matthew 14:14.

Hymns: "The Parting Hand," and "The Life Boat."

The 49th session of the Stone Mountain Association closed with a general handshake after a three days' session marked by peace, harmony and fellowship. May the Holy Spirit bring to our remembrance the things we have heard and adopted at this association and help us to serve the Lord in a more acceptable way during the coming year.

CLERK.

DELEGATES

Baptist Home—John McGrady, I. F. Elledge, R. C. Tyndall

Benham—E. W. Smith, C. B. Settle, Steve Waddell.

Chestnut Grove—McKinley Absher, Miss Goldie Shumate, Rev. Wade Houck.

Dehart—E. E. Rhoades, L. O. Handy, A. E. Shumate.

Elk Spur—John A. Royal, L. M. Higgins, Quincy Royal.

Fairplain—W. B. Beaman, J. V. Wallace, Grady F. Miller.

Flint Hill—D. V. Brown, Clay Roland, Russell Absher.

Haymeadow—I. H. Sebastian, Ray Myers, John Teague.

Knobbs—C. S. Lyon, R. S. Dameron, Watson Cheek.

Maple Grove—J. A. Gilliam, M. E. Brown, Mrs. Mattie Whitley.

Mount Pisgah—L. G. Billins, W. N. Sparks, C. A. Absher.

Mount Zion—L. H. Shumate, R. C. Dancy, N. M. Johnson.

Mountain Valley—J. C. Kilby, John Adams, G. T. Foster.

Mountain View—C. E. Billings, Vernon Woodruff, Sherman Elledge.

New Light—Clifton Prevette, W. B. Parks, Boss Blackburn.

Oak Grove—Noah Griffin, T. L. Spears, J. M. Parsons.

Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, Clyde Brewer, J. W. Mayberry.

Pleasant Ridge—V. Winfrey Luffman, E. A. Carter, D. N. Martin.

Roaring Gap—W. R. DeJournette, W. W. Calloway, H. H. Warren.

Rock Springs—W. B. Absher, J. W. Hall, France Taylor.

Stony Ridge—G. B. Crabb, C. W. Billings, Sankie Wiles.

Traphill—Mrs. Roy Billings, Mrs. D. C. Casstevens, Claud Brown.

Union—Jesse South, Thomas Bumgarner, Isaac Vannoy.

Walnut Grove—Gorman Blevins, Charlie Pruitt, McCoy Higgins.

FINANCE REPORT

Received for Minutes and Clerk	\$58.13
Received for Cooperative Program	5.60
Received for Hospital	13.00
Received for Old Ministers' Relief	7.35
Received for Orphanage	3.00
Total	\$87.08

JOHN TEAGUE,
MINTER BLEVINS, Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 20.32
Received from Finance Committee:	
For Minutes and Clerk	58.13
For Cooperative Program	5.60
For Hospital	13.00
For Old Ministers' Relief	7.35
For Orphanage	3.00
Total	\$107.40
Paid to Clerk and otherwise:	
For Cooperative Program	\$ 5.60
For Hospital	13.00
For Old Ministers' Relief	7.35
For Orphanage	3.00
For Postage, etc.	4.73
For Minutes	50.00
For Clerk's services	20.00
Total	\$103.68
Balance Cash on hand	\$ 3.72
Total	\$107.40

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Treasurer.

STATE OF CHURCHES REPORT

Received by baptism 222	Lost by letter	50
Received by letter 54	Lost by exclusion	1
Received by statement 3	Lost by erasure	0
Received by restoration 7	Lost by death	18
Total Gain	Total Loss	69
286		
Net Gain		217

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Stone Mountain Association, Year Ending September, 1945

CHURCHES	Located in Village, Town, City or County	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												Musical Director?			
					Total Members Re- ported Last Year	GAINS			LOSSES			Total Present Mem- bers (Incl. Non-Res.)	Non-Res. Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lords Supper		Rec. State Bap. Paper		
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions								Erasures	Deaths
Baptist Home.....	C	1880	S. L. Blevins, Hays	4	151	6	10			1			2	164	25	Yes	1	1	2	Yes
Benham.....	C	1917	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	2 & 3	146	5	4							155		Yes	1	1		
Bethel.....	C	1886	Not Represented	2																
Chestnut Grove.....	C	1900	Lester Johnson, Hays	3	74	8				2				80	18		1	1		
Deshart.....	C	1879	Hillery Blevins, Hays	2	80	7	3			1				89			1	1		
Elk Spur.....	C	1900	Howard Royal, Traphill	2	51	2	1		1					55	35		2	1		
Fairplains.....	V	1901	S. L. Blevins, Hays	3	227	62	17		1	4				303		Yes	1			
Flint Hill.....	C	1912	Andrew Call, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	3	100	6				1				100	28	Yes	2			
Haymeadow.....	C	1905	D. C. Miller, Hays	3	154	21	2	1	1	3			1	175			1	1		
Knobbs.....	C	1906	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	1 & 4	106	6				1				111	12	Yes	1	1		
Maple Grove.....	C	1932	Hillery Blevins, Hays	1	130	5	5			2				137			1	1		
Mount Pisgah.....	C	1879	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	1	87	2						3		87			1	1		
Mount Zion.....	C	1898	J. S. Bryant, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	4	85					1			1	84			1	1		
Mountain Valley.....	C	1902	W. B. Luffman, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	2	90	20	3			2			1	110			1	1		
Mountain View.....	V	1918	A. B. Hayes, Hays	2	65	3				4			1	63			1			
New Light.....	C	1899	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	2	108					2				107					1	
Oak Grove.....	C	1905	J. Quincy Yates, Crickett	4	46					1				45						
Piney Grove.....	C	1888	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	4	159	3				1			1	160			1	1		
Pleasant Ridge.....	C	1907	S. L. Blevins, Hays	2	181	30				3	1			206			1	1		
Roaring Gap.....	C	1901	Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	165	7	3						3	165			1			
Rock Springs.....	C	1904	Lester Johnson, Hays	4	140	11	2		1	3			1	150			2	2		
Stony Ridge.....	C	1905	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	3	83									82						
Traphill.....	V	1887	Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	74					2			1	71		Yes	1	1		
Union.....	C	1911	J. G. Huffman, Parsonsville	4	151	11	4	2	2	4			1	151			2	1		
Walnut Grove.....	C	1902	Minter L. Blevins, Springfield	1	235	7			1	11				232		Yes	1	1		

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., '45

CHURCHES		Associational Superintendent J. A. Gilliam, Hays		SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES											
		Cradle Roll, 3 & under	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 years and up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms From S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?
Baptist Home	Wade H. Barlow, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	16	14	28	14	18	49	2	141	78	6	Yes			
Benham	Rev. G. W. Curry, Traphill	15	15	21	42	25			118	50	3				
Bethel	Not Represented														
Chestnut Grove	Miss Cordia Haynes, Mertie	11	14	20					45	34	6				1
Dehart	E. E. Rhoades, Radical	13	14	14					41	41					
Elk Spur	Not Given														
Fairplains	W. G. Sebastian, North Wilkesboro	30	25	25	33	18	35	10	176	97		Yes			3
Flint Hill	D. V. Brown, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	8	12	22	18	12	13	6	104	47	5				
Haymeadow	V. M. Harold, Hays	6	12	9	14	9	30		80	39	15	Yes			
Knobbs	C. S. Lyon, Traphill	10	12	20	18				60	45	5				
Maple Grove	Glenn Dancy, Hays	8	18	8	5	16	30		85	56	4	Yes			1
Mount Pisgah	C. A. Absher, Dockery	2	6	12	15	3	23		61	30	2				
Mount Zion	Not Given														
Mountain Valley	Gwyn Hayes, Rt. 1, Reddies River	3	7	4	17	18	25	30	104	74	20				
Mountain View	Vernon Woodruff, Hays	15	10	12	10	24			71	36	3				
New Light	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	4	5	16	10	8	12		55	45					
Oak Grove	Noah Griffin, Wilbar	3	1	3	8	5	10		36	15					
Piney Grove	H. M. Waddell, Moxley		12	10	30				52	40					
Pleasant Ridge	B. W. Carter, Slate Road	7	11	19	17	27	13	77	25	4	200	111	26	Yes	3
Roaring Gap	J. E. DeJournette	6	15	24	18				70	45	4				
Rock Springs	Not Given														
Stony Ridge	Sankie Wiles, Traphill	10	18	20	21			6	75	60		Yes			
Traphill	J. D. Nickelson, Traphill		15	15	20				50	25					
Union	Odell Whittington, Reddies River	6	12	8	6	25	18		75	40	10				
Walnut Grove	Charlie Pruitt, Springfield	3	9	20	8	12		4	56	52					

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts of Stone Mountain Baptist Association for the Year Ending September, 1945

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. of W. M. S.		W. M. S. Members		Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.		Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.	
Baptist Home.....	Mrs. Hattie McNeil, Rt. 1., N. Wilkesboro.....	1	25						
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Walker Luffman, State Road.....	1	30			\$10.34	\$12.00		
Traphill.....	Mrs. Bert Brown, Traphill.....	1	6						

Maple Grove had one Young People's Union with a total enrollment of 28

TABLE VI—Church Property of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1945

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	yes	1926	wood	400	18*		\$2500.00	\$2500.00	\$1500.00
Benham.....	Eli Smith, Benham.....	yes	1919	wood	300	1		2500.00	2500.00	
Bethel.....	Not Represented.....	yes	1887	wood	350	1		1500.00	1500.00	
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie.....	yes	1944	wood	400	1		2500.00	2500.00	
Denart.....	L. O. Handy, Radical.....	yes	1915	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill.....	yes	1900	wood	300	1		300.00	300.00	
Fairplains.....	G. Bruce Dearman, North Wilkesboro.....	yes	1902	wood	500	5	4	3000.00	3000.00	
Flint Hill.....	Clay Roland, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	yes	1922	wood	300	1		2544.00	2694.00	
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays.....	yes	1905	wood	500	3	2	3500.00	3500.00	
Knobs.....	C. S. Lyon, Traphill.....	yes	1908	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Maple Grove.....	A. C. Yale, Hays.....	yes	1932	wood	300	18*		1500.00	1500.00	
Mount Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery.....	yes	1908	wood	400	1		1500.00	1500.00	
Mount Zion.....	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River.....	yes	1898	wood	300	1		2000.00	2000.00	
Mountain Valley.....	Gradon T. Foster, R. 1, Reddies River.....	yes	1937	wood	300	16*		1800.00	2000.00	1500.00
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays.....	yes	1918	x	300	7	6	5500.00	5500.00	
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....	yes	1899	wood	500	1		1200.00	1200.00	
Oak Grove.....	Mrs. Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar.....	yes	1905	wood	250	1		700.00	700.00	
Piney Grove.....	H. J. Spicer, Absher.....	yes	1888	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Pleasant Ridge.....	Hubert Martin, State Road.....	yes	1907	wood	400	8	5	2000.00	2000.00	1500.00
Roaring Gap.....	W. R. DeJournette, Thurmond.....	yes	1902	wood	500	1		1500.00	1500.00	1000.00
Rock Springs.....	Miss Annie Ruth Hall, Halls Mills.....	yes	1934	wood	500	1		1025.00	1025.00	
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill.....	yes	1925	wood	400	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill.....	yes	1887	wood	200	1		2000.00	2000.00	1000.00
Union.....	Evan Colvard, Wilbar.....	yes	1911	wood	300	1		1500.00	1500.00	
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield.....	yes	1944	wood	300	1		2500.00	2500.00	

(x) brick and wood

(*) separated by curtains

TABLE VII—Gifts for Local Church Work of Stone Mountain Association for the Year Ending Sept. '45

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, S. S., etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Building Reserve Fund	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for by Church and All Its Local Purposes Given Organizations
Baptist Home	John McGrady, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	\$281.00	\$	\$62.00	\$	\$49.60	\$72.92	\$10.00	3.00	\$3,158.46	\$50.20	\$3,687.18
Benham	C. B. Settle, Benham	102.00		53.00		40.00	16.00		2.00			213.00
Bethel	Not Represented											
Chestnut Grove	McKinley Absher, Mertie	102.20		27.15	318.75		8.66		2.25		20.00	479.01
Dehart	Flossie Brooks, Hays	76.07		27.25					3.00			103.32
Elk Spur	John A. Royal, Traphill								3.00			3.00
Fairplains	G. Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro	406.70		217.30	201.38	20.00	90.00		2.83	601.30		1,539.51
Flint Hill	Clay Roland, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	92.95		42.60	44.00	25.00	8.36		2.50			215.41
Haymeadow	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	51.50		82.30	74.55	49.64	24.17	10.00	2.85	146.00	7.60	448.61
Knobbs	Garfield Key, Traphill	69.63	16.00	51.00		15.00	8.00		2.70			162.33
Maple Grove	J. A. Gilliam, Hays	149.48		74.00		19.60	25.80	4.78	3.00			276.66
Mount Pisgah	Bruce Billings, Dockery	92.46		17.50		12.60	9.10	25.00	1.50		20.00	178.16
Mount Zion	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River	100.00		50.00	29.00	35.00	10.46		3.00			227.46
Mountain Valley	John Adams, Rt. 1, Wilkesboro	235.09		53.20		33.80	39.83		2.00	481.00		844.92
Mountain View	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays	100.00		35.00		32.00	25.00	30.00	2.00			224.00
New Light	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River	45.00				10.00	11.00		2.00	80.00		148.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. S. E. Owens, Wilbar	25.00					2.00		1.00			28.00
Piney Grove	W. F. Bowers, Absher	75.00					12.00		2.00			89.00
Pleasant Ridge	C. W. Luffman, State Road	316.88		94.81		128.97	62.74	139.24	3.00	357.82	35.26	1,138.72
Roaring Gap	W. R. DeJournette, Thurmond	102.50		94.00		23.59	31.53		3.00		164.40	419.02
Rock Springs	Annie Ruth Hall, Halls Mills	80.17		50.00	20.00				2.00	34.00		186.17
Stony Ridge	C. W. Billings, Lomax	80.00		30.00					2.00			110.00
Traphill	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	126.11		10.00		17.10	14.00		2.50		15.00	184.71
Union	Frank Huffman, Wilbar	235.00		81.00		9.60	20.00	7.50	3.00			356.10
Walnut Grove	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	64.00	51.50	26.18	174.51	5.00			2.00		9.00	332.19

TABLE VIII—Gifts for Missions, Education and Benevolences, Stone Mountain Association, Sept., 1945

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Ministers' Retirement Fund	Red Cross and Foreign Relief	Other Objects	(Missions) Total given for Church & all Depts.	Grand Total
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro.	\$ 5.00				\$22.40	\$23.24				\$50.64	\$3,737.82
Benham.....	C. B. Settle, Benham.	5.00					13.00				18.00	231.00
Bethel.....	Not Represented.											
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie						8.50		\$6.50		15.00	494.01
Dehart.....	Flossie Brooks, Hays.						12.10				12.10	115.42
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill						23.25				23.25	26.25
Fairplains.....	G. Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro.						38.00				85.17	1,624.68
Flint Hill.....	Clay Roland, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro.				\$17.17	30.00	15.00				15.00	230.41
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays.						9.00				9.00	457.61
Knobbs.....	Garfield Key, Traphill						5.75				21.02	183.35
Maple Grove.....	J. A. Gilliam, Hays.						50.89				77.18	353.84
Mount Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, Dockery					9.00	3.00				12.00	190.16
Mount Zion.....	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River					20.00			50.00		70.00	297.46
Mountain Valley.....	John Adams, Rt. 1, Wilkesboro.					11.75	31.00			\$34.60	77.35	922.27
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays						25.00		30.00		55.00	279.00
New Light.....	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River						17.45				17.45	165.45
Oak Grove.....	Mrs. S. E. Owens, Wilbar											28.00
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Bowers, Absher						10.00	\$4.35			14.35	103.35
Pleasant Ridge.....	C. W. Luffman, State Road			\$10.59		69.91	36.86		25.00		150.36	1,289.08
Roaring Gap.....	W. R. DeJournette, Thurmond					15.16	30.00			10.00	55.16	474.18
Rock Springs.....	Annie Ruth Hall, Halls Mills											186.17
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billings, Lomax					17.00						127.00
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill						6.69				17.00	191.40
Union.....	Frank Huffman, Wilbar	6.60				7.00	20.64				61.00	417.10
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield					3.00	3.00	3.00	20.50	6.26	9.00	314.19

OUR DEAD

Baptist Home—Deacon Oliver Hayes, Mrs. Jane McGrady.

Haymeadow—Mrs. Louise Walker.

Maple Grove—Mr. J. M. Myers.

Mount Pisgah—Elder J. M. Absher, Mr. Lewis Billings,
Mr. Colby Walker.

Mountain Valley—Mr. Willie E. Rash.

Mountain View—Miss Helen Elledge.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Valeria Walker.

Pleasant Ridge—Mr. M. M. Layell.

Roaring Gap—Mr. Paul Jackson Calloway, Mr. Dayton
Clyde Royall, Mr. Woodrow Wilson Cooper.

Rock Springs—Mrs. A. V. Hall.

Traphill—Mrs. J. S. Kilby.

Union—Deacon F. O. Staley.

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J. B. Gilliam

**MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STONE
MOUNTAIN
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH
New Light Baptist Church**

September 20, 21, 22, 1946

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator **Hays, N. C.**

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Clerk, State Road, N. C.

The next session will be held with Haymeadow Baptist Church, Hays, N. C., about one mile west of Mountain View School; beginning at 10:00 A. M. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1947. Rev. C. W. Bryant to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. L. E. Sparks, alternate.

DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

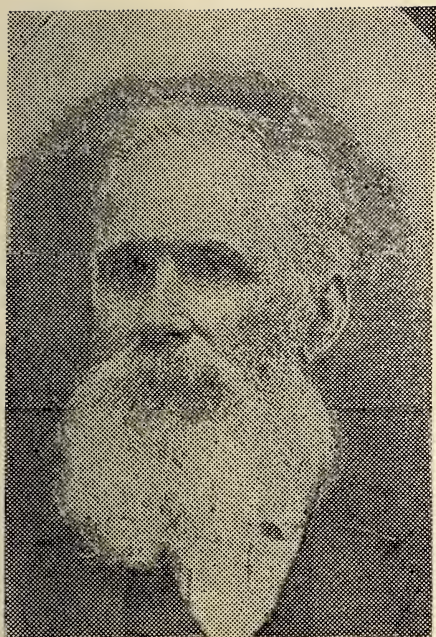
A. C. Yale	Hays
D. V. Brown	North Wilkesboro
C. C. Gambill	North Wilkesboro
Lonnie Billings	Dockery
U. M. Myers	Hays

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Rev. S. L. Blevins	Hays
John McGrady	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1
Grady F. Miller	North Wilkesboro
J. A. Gilliam	Hays
V. Winfrey Luffman	State Road

PASTORS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. F. Absher	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1
J. Z. Adams	Benham
B. H. Barker	Roaring River
Ernest Blevins	Hays
Hillery E. Blevins	Hays
J. A. Blevins	Hays
M. L. Blevins	Springfield
S. L. Blevins	Hays
T. E. Blevins	Abshers
John W. Brown	Traphill
Jimmie Bryant	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 2
Watson Bryant	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1
Hubert Bullis	North Wilkesboro
John Burcham	Roaring River
Albert Byrd	North Wilkesboro
Willis Byrd	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1
C. M. Caudill	Hays
S. T. Childress	Hays
Carl Cockerham	Roaring River
W. F. Cooper	Traphill
Grant Cothren	Traphill
G. W. Curry	Traphill
E. E. Douglas	McGrady
Roy Franklin	Hays
A. L. Gambill	Moxley
Uriah Hanks	Springfield
A. B. Hayes	Hays
J. E. Hayes	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1
Wade Houck	Reddies River
J. G. Huffman	Parsonsville
Lester Johnson	Hays
John H. Kilby	Wilkesboro, Rt. 1
W. B. Luffman	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 2
J. F. Lyon	Traphill
O. B. Mayberry	North Wilkesboro
Clarence Miller	Hays
D. C. Miller	Hays
L. B. Murray	State Road
G. W. Privette	Roaring River
Charlie Richardson	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 2
L. E. Sparks	Moxley
A. A. Staley	Wilbar
Banner Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
J. W. Yale	North Wilkesboro



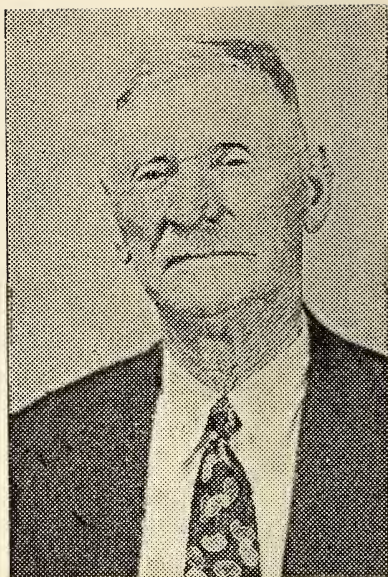
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First Moderator, 1897



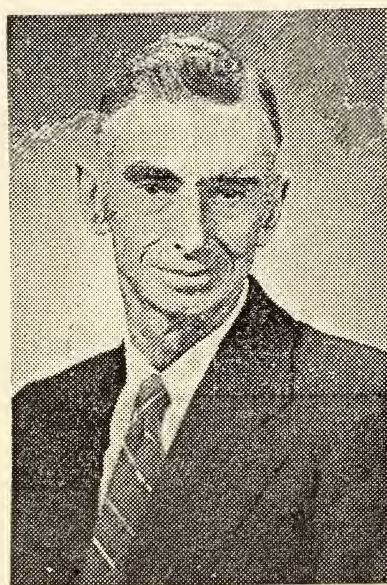
J. A. GILLIAM
Present Moderator, 1946



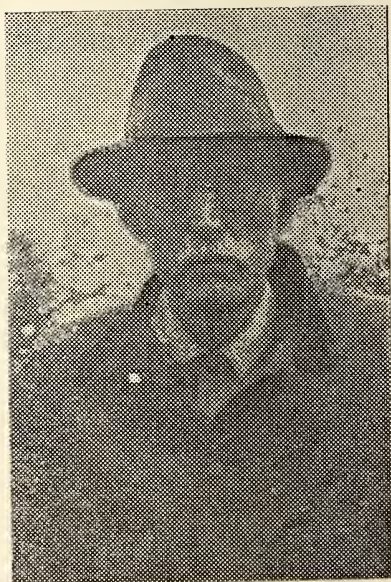
N. P. MYERS



ELDER GRANT COTHREN



M. S. WALKER



J. YOUNG BROOKS

These four men, present at the organization of the Stone Mountain Association in 1897, attended the fiftieth session. Miss Edith Lyon, also present at the first and fiftieth sessions, requested that her picture not be published.

HISTORICAL DIGEST

The Presbytery appointed by the Elkin Baptist Association, Elders C. F. Fields, J. W. Burchett and S. E. Gentry, met with the church at New Covenant, Wilkes County, N. C., on Friday, November 19, 1897 and constituted the Stone Mountain Baptist Association. Eight churches—Dehart, Gap Hill, Mount Pisgah, New Covenant, New Light, Piney Grove, Traphill and Walnut Grove—with a total membership of 592, entered into the constitution of the association.

Year	Number of Churches	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Missions	Pastor's Baptisms	Mem'b'ship
1897	8	New Covenant	Rev. Callie Blevins	J. S. Kilby	\$ 6.00	592	592
1898	11	Traphill	Rev. Callie Blevins	J. S. Kilby	84.70	29	650
1899	11	Piney Grove	Rev. Callie Blevins	J. S. Kilby	115.00	63	698
1900	12	New Light	J. S. Kilby	T. C. Myers	100.31	58	685
1901	11	Mount Zion	Rev. Callie Blevins	T. C. Myers	68.71	57	694
1902	Records not available						
1903	13	Dehart	Rev. Callie Blevins	T. C. Myers	24.40	81.31	570
1904	16	Traphill	Rev. Callie Blevins	T. C. Myers	32.99	50.00	621
1905	17	Laurel Fork	Rev. Callie Blevins	T. C. Myers	41.08	97	893
1906	18	Mt. Carmel	Rev. Grant Cothren	T. C. Myers	127.84	92	1002
1907	20	Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Callie Blevins	C. M. Caudill	87.11	74	1043
1908	22	Fairplains	Rev. Callie Blevins	C. M. Caudill	71.59	74	1105
1909	22	Knobbs	J. S. Kilby	C. M. Caudill	48.14	79	1075
1910	21	Riverside	C. M. Caudill	T. C. DeBorde	26.40	70.00	99
1911	24	Mt. Zion	C. M. Caudill	W. H. Sebastian	35.40	136.00	1184
1912	Records not available						
1913	29	New Light	C. M. Caudill	C. H. Colvard	109.22	260.66	1440
1914	30	Mountain View	C. M. Caudill	C. H. Colvard	205.32	382.70	159
1915	30	Pleasant Ridge	Rev. S. L. Blevins	C. H. Colvard	41.93	388.90	1934
1916	29	Haymeadow	Rev. S. L. Blevins	J. S. Kilby	58.45	293.00	65
1917	29	Mt. Pisgah	J. S. Kilby	C. H. Colvard	45.09	103	1832
1918	30	Bethel	Rev. C. F. Fields	C. H. Colvard	1,395.65	639.60	98
1919	29	Roaring Gap	C. M. Caudill	C. H. Colvard	3,257.51	475.25	122
1920	29	Union	C. M. Caudill	C. H. Colvard	180.97	541.50	24
1921	29	Baptist Home	C. M. Caudill	J. A. Gilliam	412.63	998.96	2057
1922	29	Mountain View	C. M. Caudill	J. A. Gilliam	307.97	1,004.25	75
1923	29	Benham	Rev. A. B. Hayes	J. A. Gilliam	1,366.83	1,143.45	188
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Year	Number of Churches	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Missions	Pastor's Salaries	Baptisms	Members
1924	29	Walnut Grove	Rev. A. B. Hayes	J. A. Gilliam	1,806.35	1,159.46	117	2314
1925	26	Traphill	Rev. S. L. Blevins	J. A. Gilliam	240.93	1,403.80	318	2741
1926	27	Mt. Zion	J. A. Gilliam	C. W. Wiles	509.00	1,268.30	91	2493
1927	22	Liberty Grove	J. A. Gilliam	C. W. Wiles	233.66	1,145.67	64	2555
1928	21	Dehart	J. A. Gilliam	C. W. Wiles	551.40	871.73	54	2342
1929	22	Flint Hill	J. A. Gilliam	A. C. Yale	179.40	833.40	95	2583
1930	23	Roaring Gap	J. A. Gilliam	A. C. Yale	549.06	1,133.35	156	2763
1931	22	Haymeadow	J. A. Gilliam	A. C. Yale	42.80	751.04	109	2510
1932	25	Stony Ridge	J. A. Gilliam	A. C. Yale	221.35	824.33	124	2679
1933	26	Bethel	J. A. Gilliam	A. C. Yale	147.25	818.33	106	2767
1934	26	Pleasant Ridge	J. A. Gilliam	A. C. Yale	185.39	1,065.07	101	2932
1935	25	Maple Grove	C. C. Gambill	A. C. Yale	164.12	1,255.53	116	3015
1936	26	Union	C. C. Gambill	C. H. Colvard	286.65	1,388.89	118	2724
1937	26	Mt. Zion	Rev. C. M. Caudill	C. H. Colvard	246.49	1,511.01	108	2716
1938	25	Piney Grove	Rev. C. M. Caudill	C. H. Colvard	341.18	1,591.46	120	2637
1939	25	Fairplains	Rev. C. M. Caudill	A. C. Yale	191.89	1,543.89	122	2824
1940	25	Mountain Valley	Rev. C. M. Caudill	A. C. Yale	226.12	1,329.72	114	2902
1941	25	Traphill	J. A. Gilliam	A. C. Yale	503.75	1,646.87	65	2886
1942	25	Roaring Gap	J. A. Gilliam	A. C. Yale	529.18	2,156.62	103	2755
1943	25	Stony Ridge	J. A. Gilliam	V. W. Luffman	1,018.19	2,440.03	69	2703
1944	25	Benham	J. A. Gilliam	V. W. Luffman	1,266.30	2,378.73	62	2721
1945	25	Mt. Pisgah	J. A. Gilliam	V. W. Luffman	820.02	3,008.75	222	3072
1946	25	New Light	J. A. Gilliam	V. W. Luffman	1,931.48	3,908.93	98	3339
TOTAL					\$20,443.20	\$41,900.49	4781	

Churches were added to the association as follows:

- 1898: Baptist Home, Mount Carmel and Mount Zion.
- 1900: Elk Spur.
- 1904: Rock Springs, Laurel Fork, Mountain Valley and Fairplains.
- 1905: Oak Grove.
- 1906: Stony Ridge.
- 1907: Knobbs and Roaring Gap.

1908: Mountain View and Riverside.

1911: Bethel and Haymeadow.

1913: Flint Hill, Gap Field, Mountain View No. 2, Pleasant Ridge and Union.

1914: Oak Ridge.

1917: Chestnut Hill.

1918: Liberty Grove.

1932: Maple Grove.

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

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16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.
6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
8. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its fiftieth annual session with New Light Baptist Church September 20, 1946 at 10:00 A. M.

Hymns: "Down at the Cross," "Precious Memories" and "'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Devotional conducted by Rev. L. E. Sparks using Hebrews 13 as a Scripture lesson. Prayer offered by Rev. John Burcham.

Hymn: "I am Bound for the Promised Land."

Introductory sermon delivered by Elder Grant Cothren using 1 Timothy 4:16 as his text. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hayes.

Hymn: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and roll of churches called. Nineteen letters were presented and read by the Clerk assisted by Rev. Minter Blevins.

On motion, (by Rev. Grant Cothren, seconded by Rev. S. L. Blevins) J. A. Gilliam was re-elected Moderator and V. Winfrey Luffman was re-elected as Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator recognized the fourteen Ministers of the Stone Mountain Association who were present and the following visitors: Rev. M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill; Rev. Earle Bradley and Rev. L. L. Carpenter, Raleigh; Bro. S. M. Moore; Dr. R. M. Hauss of the Allied Church League; Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Hendrix of Stony Fork Association; Rev. R. A. Call.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

MISSIONS: C. C. Gambill, A. C. Yale, W. E. Parks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Rev. A. B. Hayes, A. R. Myers, E. W. Smith.

PERIODICALS: Rev. S. L. Blevins, C. A. Absher and W. W. Calloway.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. L. B. Murray, C. E. Billings, Rev. J. A. Blevins.

ORPHANAGE: C. C. Blevins, Grady Miller and J. W. Mayberry.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF: Mrs. U. M. Myers, Mrs. John R. Jones, D. V. Brown.

HOSPITAL: Mrs. J. L. Gregory, W. M. Pruitt, H. H. Warren.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS: B. W. Carter, John Adams and Mrs. J. E. DeJournette.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION: Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, Mrs. W. W. Luffman, Mrs. B. W. Pendry.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Mrs. Carroll Dancy, Trealy Kilby and J. V. Wallace.

FINANCE: Lonnie Billings, J. W. Mayberry.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES: Clifton Prevette, W. E. Parks and Boss Blackburn.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Roy Franklin, Rev. H. E. Blevins, J. S. Myers.

Brother C. E. Billings asked the Clerk to read a request which was attached to the letter from Mountain View Church. This was for a letter of dismissal to unite with some other Association of the same faith. On motion, by Rev. S. L. Blevins, the request was granted.

Adjourned for lunch. A bountiful table was spread by the ladies of New Light Church and the delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

At 1:00 P. M. the delegates reassembled and the hymn, "Shall We Gather at the River" was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. B. Hayes.

Rev. Earle Bradley of the State Mission Board brought a fine message on Missions using as his subject the second chapter of Joshua.

Rev. L. L. Morgan, editor of the Biblical Recorder, spoke on Periodicals.

The Missions report was read by the Clerk:

MISSIONS REPORT

The purpose of State Missions is to provide a program of activities in which each of the churches can share to the end that Christ may become regnant in North Carolina in all relationships. Through State Missions aid is provided for part payment of the salaries of missionary pastors; three general missionaries are employed, who assist the General Secretary in the Convention work; work is promoted among the Negroes and Indians; a program of visitation is carried out in various hospitals; and aid is given to individual churches where it is especially needed. These are only a few of the activities promoted by the State Mission Program.

The spirit of the Home Mission Board is to "help where help is needed." It has 700 missionaries and workers and needs 389 more. Keep Home Missions vigorous as a good springboard for world evangelization.

During the first one hundred years of its existence, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention appointed 1347 missionaries to foreign fields, including 44 appointed at its April meeting this year. These missionaries have wrought in twenty nations. At the close of the century five and a half million Baptists were represented by five and a half hundred missionaries.

We are face to face as never before with the choice—one world or none. Life and death have been set before us. The choice is ours between the annihilating power of the atom bomb or the redemptive power of the Cross of Christ. Which shall it be?

C. C. GAMBILL, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. J. A. Blevins. On motion, report and remarks adopted. On motion, Clerk is authorized to publish in minutes only such part of this report as he deems necessary.

The Moderator appointed an Executive Committee and a Committee of Arrangements. The names of the members of these committees appear elsewhere in these minutes.

Christian Education report was read by Rev. A. B. Hayes:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Jesus Christ besought the people to "...know the truth and the truth shall make you free." For more than a century North Carolina Baptists have provided for Christian education for their young people. Many schools have been established for this purpose. Some have served their day and are no more while others grow increasingly useful.

We must look to our Christian teachers and schools to continue to train Ministers and Missionaries for the future. We urge parents to consider the wisdom of sending their sons and daughters to our Baptist Schools whenever possible. There they will receive training of the very highest type in a Christian environment.

A. B. HAYES, Committee.

Discussed by Brother Hayes and Rev. M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill. Report and discussion adopted.

Dr. R. M. Hauss of the Allied Church League brought a stirring message on Temperance.

Report on Periodicals read by Rev. S. L. Blevins:

PERIODICALS REPORT

The report on the **BIBLICAL RECORDER** this year is very encouraging. The circulation of the paper during the past year has shown a good increase. The present circulation is approximately 38,000, which means a net gain for the past twelve months of approximately 5,000.

The Biblical Recorder is a good, wholesome, attractive family weekly and a solid, substantial denominational journal. We feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

One of the great needs of our people is that they be informed, trained, and enlisted in the whole program of the church and the Kingdom of God; and we feel that the Biblical Recorder is of immense value in this great cause.

S. L. BLEVINS, Committee.

Remarks by Brother Blevins. Report and remarks adopted.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday, 9:30 A. M.

SATURDAY SESSION

Hymn: "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago."

Devotional conducted by Rev. Watson Bryant using the tenth chapter of St. John. Prayer led by Rev. John Burcham.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the following visitors recognized: Rev. J. A. McMillan of the Liberty Association; Rev. M. H. Caudill, Rev. W. B. Luffman and Rev. Charlie Richardson of the Elkin Association.

Letters from Maple Grove, Baptist Home, Flint Hill and Rock Springs were handed in and read by the Clerk.

Hymn: "I Am Bound for the Promised Land."

Orphanage Report read by Brother Clarence Blevins:

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The backwash of war is presenting to orphanage workers some very acute problems. Among these are the increased cost of living, the difficulty of securing a well equipped staff, the inability to secure material for needed repairs to buildings, and the still more

serious concern of how to help meet the problems in the ever increasing number of broken homes.

While the cost of living has increased greatly, the orphanage has been able to produce on its farm many commodities at one third the cost on the open markets. Such products as barley, oats, corn, hog meat, eggs, milk, and vegetables have been produced in sufficient amounts to supply their needs.

The orphanage has been faced with the problem of securing well trained teachers. This year it has been able to go into the new school year with a full staff of teachers again. The daily attendance somewhat reflects the interest and health of the children. The average attendance on the part of the children as a whole, has been slightly above ninety-nine per cent.

Since building material has been so scarce, the orphanage has been unable to keep some of the buildings in the proper state of repair. As soon as materials are available, a number of buildings will need to be overhauled and some much needed new ones erected.

Finally, the orphanage is faced with the problem of meeting the needs of the ever increasing number of broken homes. During the year it has cared for seven hundred children. Applications for assistance increased seven per cent. Eight hundred thirty-seven children received case work services. Of this number one hundred twenty-two new children were admitted to the care of the Orphanage.

Through case work other plans were made for eighteen families containing five hundred and three children, leaving ninety-two applications for the two hundred and twelve children awaiting further service.

The problems of the Baptist Orphanage are the problems of each and every church of the Stone Mountain Association. Therefore, this committee urgently requests each Church to make a monthly contribution and a Thanksgiving offering to our Baptist Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. BLEVINS,

J. W. MAYBERRY, Committee.

Discussed by Brother Blevins and Brother McMillan of the Orphanage. Report and discussion adopted.

Temperance Report read by Rev. S. L. Blevins:

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Over indulgence in anything is sin. The Apostle Paul preached temperance. In 1 Corinthians 9:25 he says, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." Since the drinking of intoxicating beverages is so hard to control, it is wise and right for the Christians to abstain from its use.

We must all admit that the use of intoxicating beverages undermines character, breaks homes, and destroys lives. The judges of our Courts estimate that most of the crimes for which men and women are charged are directly due to the use of intoxicating beverages. "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath complaining? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek out mixed wine."

It is wrong to drink intoxicating liquor, it is wrong to manufacture it. We cannot afford to put into our neighbor's hand something that will destroy him. We may get by with it for awhile, but

eventually we must reap what we sow. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Advocates of temperance must take their stand with sobriety and law enforcement. Let us rise up, in the power of God, and make our contribution toward building Christian communities.

REV. L. B. MURRAY,

REV. J. A. BLEVINS, Committee.

Discussed by Brother Murray, Brother J. A. Blevins and Brother M. H. Caudill. Report and discussion adopted.

Report on Old Ministers' Relief read by Brother John McGrady:

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF REPORT

The person who answers the call to preach, answers the highest calling on earth. Those who answer this call give their time to God and do not have the time that others have to make a living at work.

The government has established a board and mode provision to retire their employees at a certain age with financial assistance; the minister who gives his life for the cause of God and the sake of the people is not on a salary with retirement provision, therefore let us give generously to the cause of Old Ministers' Relief and make life as comfortable as possible for them when their task is done.

JOHN McGRADY,

M. S. WALKER,

BRUCE BILLINGS, Committee.

Report adopted.

Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Brother McGee of the Baptist Hospital read the report sent by Mrs. J. L. Gregory:

HOSPITAL REPORT

Our Baptist Hospital has had another full and fruitful year. In the past few years its facilities to care for the sick have been greatly increased. This is true for both those who do not have the money to pay for complete hospital care and those who have complicated afflictions which the hospitals and doctors in most communities are not prepared to care for.

Last year free service to those who were unable to pay their bills and those who were able to pay in part only, cost the hospital over \$167,000. We are happy that the churches of our association had a share through our Mother's Day Offering in this great service.

Our Baptist Hospital operates one of the best schools of nursing in the South. It seeks the finest young women, mentally, physically, and spiritually, to train for the Christian ministry of healing. The need for nurses is urgent.

The new Department of Religion at our Baptist Hospital is being organized to render an effective spiritual ministry. This is an effort to help create a Christian spirit through all the work of the hospital and to carry to our churches the information concerning the work of our hospital.

MRS. J. L. GREGORY, Committee.

Brother McGee brought a most interesting message on the work of the Hospital. Short talks by Rev. L. B. Murray and Rev. J. A. Blevins. On motion, the report and discussion adopted.

Adjourned for lunch.

At 1:15 P. M. the delegates reassembled and the hymn "Precious Memories" was sung. Prayer by Brother Childress.

Association called to order by Moderator. Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Rev. Grant Cothren would preach tonight.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher appointed and made the following report:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER REPORT

Time: Beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1947.

Place: Haymeadow Baptist Church.

Preacher: Introductory sermon by Rev. C. W. Bryant; alternate, Rev. L. E. Sparks.

S. L. BLEVINS,

BRUCE BILLINGS, Committee.

The Moderator asked all who were present at the organization of the association to stand and the following responded: Rev. Grant Cothren, Brother J. Young Brooks, Brother M. S. Walker, Brother N. P. Myers and Miss Edith Lyon. On motion by Brother Evan Colvard it was agreed to publish in the minutes pictures of those present at this session who were in the organization of the association and a special offering was taken to help defray this expense. Amount of offering \$24.03. (Later it was decided by the Committee of Arrangements to include the pictures of the first Moderator and the present Moderator in the minutes.)

The history of the association was read by the Clerk and short talks on the progress of the association were made by Rev. S. L. Blevins and Brother J. Young Brooks.

Hymn: "Never Grow Old."

On motion, it was agreed to omit Rules of Order and Constitution from the minutes this year and include the History of the Association instead. (Since it was later ruled by the Association that after deducting cost of printing minutes, the clerk should have remaining money in treasury for his services, I took the liberty of having Rules of Order and Constitution published as heretofore. CLERK.)

Rev. L. B. Murray spoke briefly on the history of the churches.

Report on Pastor and Church Relations read by Brother B. W. Carter:

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS REPORT

In Jeremiah 3:15 we find these words: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

The Church is today, more than ever, looking to the pastors for that spiritual food so sorely needed, to lift us up and above so many worldly and seemingly harmless, indulgences. The Church as a whole, still expects the pastor to act as a watchman, and warn the people that Jesus not only gave sweet promises, but he also left great commandments to be carried out, and before we can claim His promises we have to act on His commandments.

The pastor is the shepherd of his flock, and should go before and be on a higher plane than his followers, always being led by the Spirit, through much prayer and meditation.

The pastor likewise expects his members to cooperate, under his humble leadership, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that the church may grow and prosper, and shine as a lighthouse on a hill, to beckon those who wander in the night.

We will find when the church and pastor work in unity and love, that it is not the soft seats and subdued lights, but strong, courageous leadership; not the sweet tones of the organ or piano, but the sweet personalities that somehow reflect Jesus; not a budget, but big hearts in big people who love and serve; not the amount of money received, but the amount of service rendered in Jesus' name; not a large membership, but God's presence, direction, and power; not what it has done in the past, but what it is doing now and will do tomorrow, that makes a church truly great.

Yes, the church expects much of its pastor. The pastor, too, expects much of his members, but how much more does our heavenly father expect of us, as Christian workers, than we are doing today? Let us put our **might** in our work instead of our **mite**. Let us pray, as if everything depended on God, for it does, and then let us work as if everything depends on us, as pastors and church members, and God will surely bless our efforts.

B. W. CARTER,

J. H. ADAMS, Committee.

Miss Madge Lewis, missionary in the Brushy Mountain Association, was recognized and spoke for a few minutes on World Relief. An offering was taken for this cause and \$20.26 was received.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have 800 minutes printed and keep balance of money in the treasury for his services.

W. M. U. Report read by Mrs. Winfrey Luffman:

W. M. U. REPORT

The object of a W. M. U. is to foster and stimulate a missionary spirit in the women of a Baptist church by prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible and world missions. A further object is to see to the missionary education of the young people of the church.

The objectives were copied from the W. M. U. Year Book for 1946—the 58th year of W. M. U. work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Will you consider these objectives carefully and decide for yourselves whether they seem right and worth-while to you. If they do, will you promote and encourage W. M. U. work in the churches of the Stone Mountain Association?

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN,

MRS. WALKER LUFFMAN,

MRS. B. W. PENDRY, Committee.

Discussed by Mrs. Winfrey Luffman and Mrs. Walker Luffman. On motion, report and discussion adopted.

The Moderator called on Rev. Grant Cothren to bring this session to a close in whatever way seemed good to him. Brother Cothren spoke briefly, then called for the hymn, "Amazing Grace" and a general handshake. Dismissed by prayer offered by Rev. L. B. Murray.

SUNDAY SESSION

The Sunday session opened by singing "Where We'll Never Grow Old" and "Jesus Saves."

Devotional conducted by Rev. S. L. Blevins reading the thir-

teenth chapter of First Corinthians. Prayer led by Rev. Gordon Prevette.

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Sunday School Report read by Mrs. Carroll Dancy:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Most Christians agree that one of the best definitions and descriptions of a Sunday School is that it is the church at work, yet many of us take Sunday School for granted and do very little to promote and advance this one of Christ's important teachings by example. Wherever a progressive and live Sunday School is found, a progressive and live church is found also. It is an institution where every child of God can take part and do something for the Master. It is also an institution where the unsaved can be taught the truths of His word and be led from darkness to light.

The Sunday School needs us—everyone of us—old and young, and we need the Sunday School. May the older people not just send their children—let's take them. Let us carry our Bibles too and make every Sunday morning worship what He would have it be.

MRS. CARROL DANCY, Committee.

Discussed by Mrs. Dancy, Mrs. Marshall Higgins, V. W. Luffman, Mrs. Roscoe Wood and Rev. John Burcham.

Hymn: "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus."

Sermon by Rev. S. L. Blevins using the Scripture Acts 8:30.

Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River" and general handshake.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Thus closed the fiftieth session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association. May the Lord keep us, and bless us, and make His face to shine on us in this life and may we praise Him together around His throne in glory some glad tomorrow.

CLERK.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

We, the committee on resolutions, render our heartfelt thanks to New Light Church and community for their generous hospitality and fine spirit of fellowship shown to those attending the Stone Mountain Association. May God's richest blessings abide with this church and community.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. BLEVINS,

ROY W. FRANKLIN, Committee.

DELEGATES

Baptist Home—John McGrady, J. G. Kilby, I. F. Elledge.
 Benham—Cecil Barker, C. B. Settle, Clyde Tilley.
 Bethel—Millard Walker, Mack Rhoades, Millard Brown.
 Chestnut Grove—McKinley Absher, Rev. Wade Houck, Miss Goldie Shumate.
 Dehart—W. R. Handy, R. P. Miles, L. O. Handy.
 Elk Spur—John A. Royal, Kellie Royal, L. M. Higgins.
 Fairplains—Miss Rena Tugman, Mrs. Mabel Cleary, Mrs. Ida Deal.
 Flint Hill—Russell Absher, Leure Blackburn, Wiley Clonch.
 Haymeadow—I. H. Sebastian, W. H. Sebastian, W. F. Alexander.
 Knobbs—Watson Cheek, C. S. Lyon, R. S. Dameron.
 Maple Grove—A. C. Yale, C. C. Gambill, J. A. Gilliam.
 Mount Pisgah—L. G. Billings, Sanford Prevette, Bruce Billings.
 Mount Zion—R. C. Dancy, N. M. Johnson, L. W. Shumate.
 Mountain Valley—J. C. Kilby, J. H. Adams, T. H. Kilby.
 Mountain View—C. E. Billings, Raner Wiles, Burleson Elledge.
 New Light—Clifton Prevette, W. E. Parks, Boss Blackburn.
 Oak Grove—Noah Griffin, J. M. Parsons, Mrs. S. E. Owens.
 Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, Joncie Cleary, W. F. Bowers.
 Pleasant Ridge—V. Winfrey Luffman, Ples Hanes, B. W. Carter.
 Roaring Gap—W. R. DeJournette, H. H. Warren, M. C. Royall.
 Rock Springs—A. V. Hall, W. M. Absher, F. P. Taylor.
 Stony Ridge—G. B. Crabbe, Sankey Wiles, C. W. Billings.
 Traphill—Von Pruitt, Claud Brown, Mrs. Hattie Brown.
 Union—Hamp Taylor, Guy Sheets, J. J. South.
 Walnut Grove—E. H. Blevins, W. M. Pruitt, Major Caudill.

FINANCE REPORT

Received for:

Minutess and Clerk	\$ 94.89
World Relief	45.26
Ministers' Retirement Fund	5.00
Total	\$145.15

L. G. BILLINGS,
 J. W. MAYBERRY, Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee	\$145.15
Paid to:	
World Relief	\$ 45.26
Ministers' Retirement Fund	5.00
Elk Printing Company for minutes	107.00
Clerk for Postage and his services	
Total	\$157.26

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Treasurer.

STATE OF CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism	98	Lost by Letter	63
Received by Letter	64	Lost by Death	22
Received Otherwise	3	Lost Otherwise	2
Total Gain	165	Total Loss	87
Net Gain	78		

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Stone Mountain Association, Year Ending September, 1946

CHURCHES	Location, OC-V-T-C	Year Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Dates of Meeting	GAINS			Losses			TOTAL			Spent on Building or Remodeling Last Year	Total Value of All Church Property
					Baptisms	By Letter	Other Additions	By Letter	By Death	Other Losses	Present Resident Membership	Non-Res. Members	Grand Total Present Membership		
Baptist Home.....	OC		1880 S. L. Blevins, Hays	2 & 4	6	2	1	1	1	141	30	171	1	\$2,500	
Benham.....	OC		1917 Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	1 & 3	10	2	2	2	2	164	164	1	.....	2,500	
Bethel.....	OC		1881 Ernest Blevins, Hays	2	11	5	8	2	2	125	31	156	1	1,500	
Chestnut Grove.....	OC		1900 Lester Johnson, Hays	3	3	4	2	1	2	63	21	84	\$ 43.45	4,000	
Dehart.....	OC		1879 Hillery Blevins, Hays	2	4	1	1	2	1	93	.....	93	1	1,000	
Elk Spur.....	OC		1900 Hillery Blevins, Hays	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	35	54	1	300	
Fairplains.....	V		1901 S. L. Blevins, Hays	3	3	3	1	3	1	309	.....	309	1	4,000	
Flint Hill.....	OC		1912 Charlie Richardson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	3	1	.....	.....	1	1	100	28	128	2	2,750	
Haymeadow.....	OC		1905 D. C. Miller, Hays	3	.....	6	2	2	1	176	.....	176	1	4,000	
Knobs.....	OC		1908 Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	1 & 4	2	2	.....	.....	.....	80	30	110	1	500	
Maple Grove.....	OC		1932 Hillery Blevins, Hays	1	20	11	4	1	1	163	.....	163	1	2,000	
Mount Pisgah.....	OC		1879 Charlie Richardson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	1	1	1	.....	1	1	47	40	87	1	1,750	
Mount Zion.....	OC		1898 Jimmie Bryant, N. Wilkesboro	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	85	1	2,000	
Mountain Valley.....	OC		1902 W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	2	4	2	.....	1	1	103	20	123	1	2,500	
Mountain View.....	V		1912 Glenn Huffman, Parsonville	4	2	2	.....	1	1	66	.....	66	2	5,500	
New Light.....	OC		1899 L. E. Sparks, Moxley	4	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	103	.....	103	1	1,500	
Oak Grove.....	OC		1905 John H. Kilby, Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	40	40	40	1	1,000	
Piney Grove.....	OC		1888 L. E. Sparks, Moxley	4	4	7	4	2	.....	164	.....	164	1	1,000	
Pleasant Ridge.....	OC		1907 S. L. Blevins, Hays	1	13	9	7	1	1	172	50	222	1	3,500	
Roaring Gap.....	OC		1901 Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	5	1	4	1	.....	132	41	173	1	1,500	
Rock Springs.....	OC		1904 D. O. Cleary, N. Wilkesboro	2	2	2	1	2	.....	142	.....	142	1	1,250	
Stony Ridge.....	OC		1905 L. E. Sparks, Moxley	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	.....	83	1	1,500	
Traphill.....	V		1887 Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	1	5	7	.....	.....	70	.....	70	1	1,000	
Union.....	OC		1911 Glenn Huffman, Parsonville	4	2	4	6	.....	.....	147	.....	147	1	1,500	
Walnut Grove.....	OC		1902 Minter L. Blevins, Springfield	2	4	1	8	3	.....	226	.....	226	1	2,500	
TOTALS.....					98	64	3	63	23	23	0	13	326	\$3,339.27	\$53,050

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., '46

CHURCHES	Associational Superintendent J. A. Gilliam, Hays, N. C.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES													
		Cradle Roll, 3 & Under	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 years and up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School?	What Was Enrollment?	What Was Av. At.?
Baptist Home	W. H. Barlow, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	14	11	11	22	16	19	52		2	147	89	Yes	49	43
Benham	J. D. Luffman, Ronda			20	20	11	37	19		6	113	45	No		
Bethel	Moris Miller, Hays	5	15		11	11	15	12			69	50	No		
Chestnut Grove	Miss Cordia Haynes, Mertie										47	35	No		
Dehart	E. E. Rhoades, Radical		12	10	10			15				45	No		
Elk Spur	L. M. Higgins, Miles											24	No		
Fairplains	Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro		25	25	35	30	32	35		11	193	145	Yes	60	48
Flint Hill	D. V. Brown, N. Wilkesboro		12	19	14	11	17	21	2	96	53	No			
Haymeadow	V. M. Harold, Hays		13		9	14	10	29		75	40	No			
Knobbs	C. S. Lyon, Traphill			10	8	15	10	18		61	48	No			
Maple Grove	Glenn Dancy, Hays	12		12	14	8	14	24		84	78	Yes	42	34	
Mount Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery	5	4	6	12	6	15	15		63	30	No			
Mount Zion	L. W. Shumate, Reddies River									25		No			
Mountain Valley	Gwyn Hayes, Reddies River, Rt. 1	4	6	10	14	15	15	40		104	78	Yes	36	28	
Mountain View	Vernon Woodruff, Hays		14	10	12		12	34		82	54	No			
New Light	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River		20		5		10	18		53	40	No			
Oak Grove	Miss Cavil Owens, Wilbar	5	10	6	4	5	6	10		46	15	No			
Piney Grove	H. M. Waddell, Moxley			11	11		21	22		65	45	No			
Pleasant Ridge	B. W. Carter, State Road	7	15	15	21	21	20	63	7	4	173	114	Yes	81	75
Roaring Gap	J. E. DeJournette, Thurmond	2	6		12		20	25		5	70	50	Yes	23	18
Rock Springs	E. E. Douglas, McGrady		12		25		30	12			79	50	No		
Stony Ridge	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill			18	10		25	13		7	73	40	No		
Traphill	William Castevens, Traphill	3			12	15		15			45	20	No		
Union	Odell Whittington, Reddies River		10		15		20	12			57	40	No		
Walnut Grove	Mrs. Pearl Blevins, Springfield		15		10	30		14		4	73	54	No		
TOTALS		57	200	183	306	208	348	518	7	41	1,893	1,282		291	246

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts of Stone Mountain Baptist Association for the Year Ending September, 1946

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	Number of W. M. S.	W. M. S. Members	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.		Contributions (Missions) Given by W.M.U.
Baptist Home.....	Mrs. C. P. McNeil, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	125	\$40.00	\$20.00		
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. W. W. Lufman, State Road.....	121	14.23	14.00		
Traphill.....	Mrs. Myrtle Bryan, Traphill.....	121	140.84			
TOTALS.....		367	\$195.07	\$34.00		

Maple Grove had one Young People's Union with 50 young people enrolled, and an average attendance of 30. The Training Union Director is Miss Margie Pendry, Hays, North Carolina.

TABLE VI — Gifts for Local Church Work of Stone Mountain Association for the Year Ending Sept., '46

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid For Year	Incidentals-Janitor, Fuel, Water, Repairs, Insurance, Etc.	Ass't. Pastor, Ed. Dir. Choir Leader, Etc.	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Literature-Quarteries, Church Paper, Etc.	Help for Local Poor	Minutes and Clerk of Association	Building Fund, (Amt. Given Last Year)	Other Objects	Total Given For Local-Church Work
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	\$322.86	\$76.64		\$90.50	\$106.94	\$20.00	\$4.00	\$841.54	\$32.10	\$1,494.58
Benham.....	C. B. Settle, Benham.....	106.83	43.65		30.50	40.80		2.00	6.00		229.78
Bethel.....	D. T. Dearman, Hays.....	160.00	9.00					3.50		128.00	300.50
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie.....	117.03	19.20		25.75	17.10		3.36	43.45		225.89
Dehart.....	Miss Flossie Brooks, Hays.....	53.60			31.50	14.02		3.00			102.12
Elk Spur.....	John A. Royal, Traphill.....				25.00	7.25		2.00			34.25
Fairplains.....	Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro, Box 72.....	415.56	29.50		127.47	156.25		2.00	247.39		978.17
Flint Hill.....	Mrs. Russell Absher, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	125.70		\$15.00	65.35	31.17		2.00			239.22
Haymeadow.....	L. H. Sebastian, Hays.....	75.06	15.60		36.00	36.79		4.00	222.36	12.59	402.40
Knobbs.....	Garfield Key, Traphill, Rt. 1.....	77.94	157.00	58.27		10.00		2.00	504.00		809.21
Maple Grove.....	J. A. Gilliam, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2.....	485.12	75.59		97.00	46.00	65.25	6.00	1,066.14		1,841.10
Mount Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, Dockery.....	110.80	544.05		40.00	18.56	10.00	2.00			725.41
Mount Zion.....	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River, Rt. 1.....	113.35			45.00	12.40		3.00			173.75
Mountain Valley.....	J. H. Adams, Wilkesboro, Rt. 1.....	268.03	45.20		35.00	39.90		2.00	200.19		590.32
Mountain View.....	C. E. Billings, Hays.....	165.00	54.00		140.00	39.40		2.00		100.00	500.40
New Light.....	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River.....	100.00	125.00		30.00	12.00		3.50	106.00		376.50
Oak Grove.....	Mrs. Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar.....	25.00					18.35	1.00			44.35
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Bowers, Abschers.....	116.00	15.00			11.90		2.25		190.00	335.15
Pleasant Ridge.....	C. W. Luffman, State Road.....	374.88	179.10		130.61	87.73	27.25	4.00	334.48		1,138.05
Roaring Gap.....	W. R. DeJournette, Traphill.....	171.63	56.20		86.00	39.30				41.13	394.26
Rock Springs.....	A. V. Hall, Halls Mills.....	61.72			33.00	9.00		2.25		50.00	155.97
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billings, Lomax.....	80.00			60.00	12.89		3.50			156.39
Traphill.....	Mrs. D. C. Castevens, Traphill.....	129.12	296.05	30.00		13.00		3.00		37.50	508.67
Union.....	Frank Huffman, Wilbar.....	200.00	10.00		35.00	20.00		3.00			268.00
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield.....	53.70	11.10		45.00	14.00	27.00	2.00	10.00		162.80
TOTALS.....		\$3,908.93	\$1,751.88	\$103.27	\$1,208.68	\$796.40	\$167.85	\$67.36	\$3,581.55	\$601.32	\$12,187.24

TABLE VII—Gifts for Missions, Education, Orphanages, Etc, Stone Mountain Association, Sept., 1946

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Total to Cooperative Program	Designated To Asso. Missions	Designated To State Missions	Designated to Home Missions	Designated to Foreign Missions	Designated to Schools, Colleges & Seminaries	Orphanages (Cash & Estimated Value of Clothing, etc.)	Designated to Hospitals	Designated to Red Cross & For. Relief	Relief and Annuity Other Objects	Total For All Missions	Grand Total of All Contributions For All Purposes
Baptist Home.	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 1.							\$ 40.14	\$ 37.65		\$56.34	\$134.13	\$1,628.71
Benham	Mrs. Mamie Smith, Benham							12.50	15.00			27.50	257.28
Bethel	D. T. Dearman, Hays											12.00	312.50
Chestnut Grove	McKinley Absher, Mertie							7.50	14.50			22.00	247.89
Dehart	L. O. Handy, Radical								4.00			4.00	106.12
Elk Spur	John A. Royal, Traphill								19.60			19.60	53.85
Fairplains	Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro,				\$9.66		\$11.43	70.00	30.48	\$11.00		132.57	1,110.74
Flint Hill	Mr. R. Absher, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 1								15.00			15.00	254.22
Haymeadow	I. H. Sebastian, Hays							5.60	9.46			15.06	417.46
Knobbs	C. S. Lyon, Traphill, Rt. 1	\$8.90			16.51	\$520.00	5.00	14.75	16.00			39.65	848.86
Maple Grove	A. C. Yale, Hays	5.00	\$25.50	\$5.00				208.50	42.10	75.00	95.00	997.61	2,838.71
Mount Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery			4.50				8.00	7.00			19.50	744.91
Mount Zion	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River, Rt. 1				26.00				10.00			10.00	183.75
Mountain Valley	G. T. Foster, Reddies River, Rt. 1								40.50			66.50	656.82
Mountain View	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays							25.00	25.20			50.20	550.60
New Light	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River								21.50			21.50	398.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar								3.70			3.70	48.05
Piney Grove	H. J. Spicer, Absher				15.15	15.16			16.00			16.00	351.15
Pleasant Ridge	Hubert Martin, State Road							72.88	34.71			145.90	1,283.95
Roaring Gap	W. R. DeJournette, Traphill			8.17		10.00		12.00	30.18			60.35	454.61
Rock Springs	A. V. Hall, Halls Mills	7.15						30.00				37.15	193.12
Stony Ridge	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill				4.00	8.50		18.00	20.00			38.00	194.39
Traphill	Von Pruitt, Traphill								11.25			23.75	532.42
Union	Evan Colvard, Wilbar												268.00
Walnut Grove	Gorman Blevins, Springfield								6.35	8.46	5.00	19.81	182.61
TOTALS		\$29.05	\$25.50	\$17.67	\$71.32	\$553.66	\$16.43	\$524.87	\$430.18	\$94.46	\$156.34	\$1,931.48	\$14,118.72

OUR DEAD

Benham—Mrs. Nancy Phillips, Mr. Guard Phillips.

Bethel—Mr. Lester Gregory, Mrs. Bertha Fulp.

Chestnut Grove—Mr. J. A. Key.

Fairplains—Mrs. Nancy Shepherd, Mr. Albert Tedder,
Mr. Leonard Sebastian.

Flint Hill—Deacon Robert Brown.

Haymeadow—Mr. H. H. Rhoades, Mrs. Rebecca Wyatt.

Mount Pisgah—Mr. Thamer Absher.

Mountain Valley—Mrs. Elizabeth Faw.

Mountain View—Mrs. Wilmer Woodruff.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Olsie Holbrook, Mr. Richard Cleary.

Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Etta Layell.

Roaring Gap—Mrs. Marjorie Cooper.

Rock Springs—Mr. David N. Caudill, Mrs. Cordie Wyatt.

Walnut Grove—Mr. T. F. Handy, Mr. W. M. Blevins,
Deacon J. F. Blevins.

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

*Stone Mountain
Baptist Association*

HELD WITH
Haymeadow Baptist Church
Hays, N. C.

September 26, 27, 28, 1947

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator Hays, N. C.

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Clerk, State Road, N. C.

The next session will be held with Pleasant View Baptist Church, State Road, N. C., about eight miles north of Elkin on Highway 21; beginning at 10:00 A. M. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1948. Introductory sermon by Rev. W. B. Luffman; alternate, Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Minter L. Blevins	Springfield
V. M. Harrold	Hays
L. M. Higgins	Miles
H. J. Spicer	Absher
W. H. Sebastian	Hays

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Glenn Dancy	North Wilkesboro
Lonnie Billings	Dockery
Grady F. Miller	North Wilkesboro
A. R. Myers	Hays
J. G. Chipman	N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2
J. A. Gilliam	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 2
V. Winfrey Luffman	State Road

PASTORS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

- A. F. Absher	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	Kannapol
- J. Z. Adams	Traphill	
- B. H. Barker	Roaring River	
- Ernest Blevins	Hays	
- Hillery Blevins	Hays	
- J. A. Blevins	Hays	
- Minter L. Blevins	Springfield	
- S. L. Blevins	Hays	
- T. E. Blevins	Absher	
- J. W. Brown	Traphill	
- Jimmie Bryant	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	
- Watson Bryant	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	
- Hubert Bullis	North Wilkesboro	
- John Burcham	Roaring River	
- Albert Byrd <i>Marion Byrd, Jr.</i>	North Wilkesboro	
- Willis Byrd	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	
- S. T. Childress	Hillsville, Va.	
- D. O. Cleary	North Wilkesboro	
- Carl Cockerham	Roaring River	
- David Cockerham	Elkin	
- W. F. Cooper	Traphill	
- Grant Cothren	Traphill	
- G. W. Curry	Traphill	
- E. E. Douglas	McGrady	
- Roy Franklin	Hays	
- A. L. Gambill	Moxley	
- Uriah Hanks	Springfield	
- J. E. Hayes <i>A. B. Hayes</i>	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	
- Wade Houck	Reddies River	
- J. G. Huffman	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	
- Lester Johnson	Hays	
- John Kilby	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	
- W. B. Luffman	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	
- J. F. Lyon	Traphill	
- O. B. Mayberry	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	
- D. C. Miller	Hays	
- L. B. Murray <i>Ernest Miller</i>	Hays	State Road
- George Osborne <i>G. W. Prevette R. R.</i>	Cricket	
- Charlie Richardson <i>Gar. Pruitt</i>	North Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	
- L. E. Sparks	Moxley	
- A. A. Staley	Reddies River	
- Woodrow Wishon	State Road	
- Banner Wyatt	North Wilkesboro	
- Jesse Yale	North Wilkesboro	

Per Clate Brown Oakwood

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.
6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
8. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its fifty-first annual session at 10:00 A. M. Friday, September 26, 1947, at Hay-meadow Baptist Church.

Hymns: "I'll Be Satisfied," "Amazing Grace" and "How Firm A Foundation."

Devotional conducted by Rev. Woodrow Wishon using Galatians

1. Prayer offered by Rev. W. B. Luffman.

Hymn: "There Is A Fountain."

Since Rev. C. W. Bryant, who had been appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and his alternate, Rev. L. E. Sparks, both were absent, the Committee of Arrangements selected Rev. J. E. Hayes to preach. His text was from I Corinthians 13.

Hymn: "Am I A Soldier of The Cross?" Prayer led by Rev. Grant Cothren.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the roll of churches called. Nineteen letters were presented and read by the Clerk assisted by Rev. Minter Blevins.

A letter from Pleasant View, a newly constituted church, together with a request for membership in the Association, was read; on motion, the Church was received into the Association. Facts concerning this Church were stated and discussed by Winfrey Luffman and Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

On motion by Rev. John Burcham, J. A. Gilliam was re-elected Moderator and V. Winfrey Luffman was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer. The Clerk tendered his resignation but the Association refused to accept it. J. G. Chipman objected to the election on the grounds that it was not conducted according to the rules of parliamentary law, and the Moderator called Rev. Minter Blevins to serve as Moderator pro tem. Rev. John Burcham repeated his motion to re-elect the present Moderator and Clerk and they were unanimously elected.

The Moderator recognized the following visitors: Rev. G. W. Sebastian of the Brushy Mountain Association; Rev. W. B. Luffman of the Elkin Association; Rev. J. T. Hendrix of the Stony Fork Association and Rev. W. K. McGee of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. The following ministers of this Association were also recognized: Rev. J. E. Hayes, Rev. Grant Cothren, Rev. M. L. Blevins, Rev. John Burcham, Rev. H. E. Blevins, Rev. Woodrow Wishon and Rev. J. A. Blevins.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

FINANCE—J. G. Chipman, A. C. Yale.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—I. H. Sebastian, W. H. Sebastian, A. R. Myers.

MISSIONS—Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, A. R. Myers, M. A. Huggins.

HOSPITALS—Mrs. Glenn Dancy, Rev. Grant Cothren, Mrs. Ed Higgins.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS—Rev. M. L. Blevins, G. B. Crabbe, Gordon Chambers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Mrs. J. L. Gregory, Rev. A. A. Johnson, Mrs. Minter Blevins.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. John Burcham, J. W. Mayberry, W. S. Gambill.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—Rev. Woodrow Wishon, Evan Colvard, Rev. Minter Blevins.

SPECIAL CHANGES—V. Winfrey Luffman, A. C. Yale.

ORPHANAGE—C. C. Gambill, Rev. J. O. Walton.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF—U. M. Myers.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, Mrs. A. A. Johnson, Mrs. U. M. Myers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Mrs. John R. Jones.

RESOLUTIONS—C. C. Gambill, Rev. A. A. Johnson.

Adjourned for lunch. A bountiful table was spread by the ladies of Haymeadow Church and the delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

At 1:00 P. M. the delegates reassembled and the hymn "Farther Along," was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. K. McGee.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the Hospital Report read by Mrs. Glenn Dancy.

HOSPITAL REPORT

A mother from one of our Baptist churches was hurried to the Baptist Hospital. Local doctors had done their best and said she could not live unless she got other help right away. She had been sick for a year and had just spent six weeks in another hospital. She had been able to have her five months old baby with her only two weeks since he was born. Her stay in our Hospital was long and expensive, costing over \$1,200.00 though she was a service patient and there was no charge for all the work of the doctors. But she was cared for by highly skilled physicians using the latest drugs and the best known methods of medical care.

Her family is almost without means and able to meet only a portion of this large bill. The churches of this association, through our Mother's Day Offerings, helped to provide for her hospital care. Because we gave on Mother's Day she was given a chance and recently went back home and to care for her baby.

What we did for this mother, we are doing in larger or smaller measure for thousands of others throughout North Carolina who are sick and have little money. The past twelve months have been the most crowded year our Baptist Hospital has ever known. Its ministry has gone to more people than ever before. North Carolina Baptists have voted to enlarge our Hospital. Interested friends have said they are ready to help Baptists do this. Now we are looking forward to a much larger and more Modern Plant on the beautiful hundred-acre Gray estate in Winston-Salem where this ministry of healing in the name of Christ can be multiplied.

MRS. GLENN DANCY,

W. K. MEGEE,

MRS. ED HIGGINS, Committee.

Discussed by Brother McGee and Rev. Grant Cothren. On motion, report and discussion adopted.

Dr. R. M. Hauss of the Allied Church League was recognized and spoke most convincingly on the evil of beverage alcohol.

The report on Pastor and Church Relations was read by Rev. Minter Blevins:

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

"I thank my God for you, making mention of you always in my prayers." Such was the Apostle Paul's feeling toward various churches of the New Testament. "If it were possible, you would have plucked out your very eyes and given to me." Such was the Church's regard for Paul.

With such unity in prayer and love there could be nothing but a successful ministry. Such a ministry bears fruit for the Kingdom in which there is joy for the preacher and the layman alike. If the pastor or church lose Christian love and respect for each other, there is a hampering of God's work, the pastor suffers, the church suffers, and, the greatest tragedy, God's cause is retarded.

We are workers together for God, so let's work with a prayerful mind and a Christian understanding of our many problems: Pastors to be ever mindful of the cares of the church whether the church be large or small; let the pastor preach out of pure love for the work, love for God and love of God. Congregations, love and respect the pastors. Your pastor needs your presence, your best efforts and your prayers.

In the selection of a pastor, use the means of much prayer and thought. Since the pastor is a spiritual leader, let him lead, working with him for God's glory.

M. L. BLEVINS.

On motion, report adopted.

Rev. M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill College spoke on the subject of Christian Education and the work of Mars Hill.

Brother M. A. Huggins, Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was asked to speak and introduced Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, head of the Bible Department of Wake Forest College. Dr. Blanton spoke briefly of Christian Education in general and the work being done and being planned at Wake Forest.

Brother Huggins brought a wonderful message on Missions and told of his experiences during a recent trip to Europe.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Blevins.

SATURDAY SESSION

Hymns: "I Am Going Home" and "Heavenly Sunlight."

Devotional conducted by Rev. D. C. Miller.

Report on Christian Education read by Mrs. J. L. Gregory:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Education is teaching people to live together. Do we Baptists need to learn to live together in Christian brotherhood? Christ wants his followers to be alert, diligent and systematic workers. If it takes training to carry on our work of this world, do we not need training to carry on the work of the Master?

How well we train our young people of today will determine the standard of our Baptist churches a few years hence. We recommend giving our people the best training possible through our Baptist schools, colleges and training unions.

MRS. J. L. GREGORY

Discussed by Mrs. Gregory, Rev. A. A. Johnson and Evan Colvard. On motion, report and discussion adopted.

Orphanage report read by C. C. Gambill:

ORPHANAGE REPORT

There are certain reasons why orphanages and other child-caring agencies are necessary. Among these are poverty, poor health, illiteracy, and instability in the home.

The Baptist Orphanage was founded for the purpose of caring for orphan children and yet one of the chief concerns of welfare agencies of the present time is the wrecked home. There are over one thousand children in orphanages in this state who have both parents living.

The Baptist Orphanage has rarely ever been able to accept all the children for whom applications have been made. Institutions should analyze and get the background of each case before a child

is admitted. Providing food, clothing, and shelter is not the full answer; many children for whom applications are made should never come to the Orphanage. We believe one of the greatest services the Orphanage can render is to make it possible for the parents and children to help themselves.

Last year the Orphanage through its case workers helped to make adjustments for more than four hundred children where applications had been made for them to enter the Orphanage. Last year the Orphanage cared for seven hundred children. Sixty of these were cared for in boarding homes and fifty by mothers' aid. Case workers' service was made available to 1107 children. This was made possible through loyalty of Baptists and other friends who month by month and at Thanksgiving time give to the support of these children in keeping with the will of the Master.

Year after year we are more conscious that the method of supporting the Orphanage through once a month and Thanksgiving offerings is a wise Christian policy. We urge each pastor, Sunday School superintendent, and Church to adopt this plan of taking an offering once each month and at Thanksgiving for the support of our orphan children.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. GAMBILL,

J. O. WALTON.

On motion, the report was adopted. Brother Gambill spoke briefly on the work of the Orphanage followed by remarks by J. Y. Brooks and Winfrey Luffman.

Rev. J. O. Walton, pastor of the Orphanage, related its history from the founding up to the present time; also, he told many of his own experiences during the time he has served there.

Remarks by G. B. Crabbe.

Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher read by Clerk:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER REPORT

Time: Beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1948.

Place: Pleasant View Baptist Church.

Preacher: Rev. W. B. Luffman; alternate, Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

On motion, report adopted.

The Moderator asked for letters from the Churches which did not report at the Friday session. Three letters were presented and read by the Clerk.

On motion, adjourned for lunch with prayer led by Rev. J. E. Hayes.

At 1:00 P. M. the delegates reassembled and the afternoon session was opened with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to use such portion of the report sent in by the Biblical Recorder as he deems necessary for a Periodicals report for the minutes. Discussion was omitted.

PERIODICALS REPORT

The report on the Biblical Recorder this year is very encouraging. The circulation of the paper during the past year has shown a good increase.

Our aim is to make the Biblical Recorder both a good wholesome, attractive family weekly and a solid, substantial denominational journal. We feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

People do not, and cannot, advance beyond the information which they have. One of the great needs of our people is that they be informed, trained and enlisted in the whole program of the church and the Kingdom of God; and we feel that the Biblical Recorder is of immense value in this great cause.

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Clerk.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. A. A. Johnson will preach at the Sunday Session.

On motion and unanimously approved by the assembly, it was ordered that the Sunday services of the Association be discontinued after the present session in order that delegates may be at their respective Churches for Sunday School, etc.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

FINANCE REPORT

Received from Churches for Minutes and Clerk	\$71.27
Received from Walnut Grove Church for Orphanage	5.00
Total	\$76.27

JASPER CHIPMAN,

A. C. YALE, Committee.

On motion, report received. The Clerk was instructed to have 800 minutes printed and to have remaining balance for his services.

On motion, an offering was taken to supplement the Minute Fund and \$8.90 was received.

Report on Old Ministers' Relief read by U. M. Myers:

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

It is the business of the Church to carry the gospel to "every creature in the earth." This task is largely accomplished through the "foolishness of preaching" by God-called ministers.

Volumes could be written about the courage, trials, sacrifices and persecutions of these great servants of God. We should show our appreciation by contributing to the Old Ministers' Relief fund.

U. M. MYERS.

On motion, report adopted. Remarks by C. C. Gambill.

Sunday School report read by Mrs. John R. Jones:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

In studying the New Testament we find that the gospel of Jesus Christ was carried to others both by preaching and by teaching. Today in our churches the message is still carried by preaching and teaching. So the important objective of the Sunday School is teaching—teaching the Bible.

In the Stone Mountain Association we have 25 churches, and for the past year, 1946, we had 25 Sunday Schools, with a total enrollment of 1957. The total church membership of these 25 churches last year was 3,287. These figures show that last year in the Stone Mountain Association there was 1,330 less people enrolled in Sunday School than there were Church members in the Association.

When we think of the vast number of people living within the Stone Mountain Association and with a church membership of 3,287 people, and have only 1,957 men, women and children enrolled in Sunday School, we wonder where the others are.

The Sunday School of today will be the church of tomorrow. We should have a goal in the Stone Mountain Association; every available man, woman and child, in every community, to be in the Sunday School; every member of the Sunday School to be in the church; and every member of the church to be in the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN R. JONES.

Report on Temperance read by Rev. S. L. Blevins:

TEMPERANCE REPORT

God said the love of money is at the root of a great evil, and so is drinking intoxicating liquor. The greater per cent of crimes and accidents on our highways is caused by drunkenness and this has been a problem since the early morning of time.

Since the law has failed to stop the use of intoxicants, the best method is to educate it out of the home.

S. L. BLEVINS,
JOHN BURCHAM.

On motion, report adopted. Discussed by Brother Blevins and Brother Burcham.

Report on Woman's Missionary Union read by Mrs. Winfrey Luffman:

W. M. U. REPORT

The Woman's Missionary Union is an organization of the women of a Baptist church for the purpose of encouraging prayer, teaching missions and fostering a missionary spirit in the church. It also sponsors organizations among the children and young people of the church to teach them missions and missionary work.

Last year there were three active Missionary Societies in our association. We feel that a W. M. U. organization would be of help to every church.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN,
MRS. A. A. JOHNSON,
MRS. U. M. MYERS.

On motion, report adopted. Because of lack of time, discussion was postponed until Sunday.

On motion, adjourned until Sunday morning. Benediction by Mrs. John R. Jones.

SUNDAY SESSION

Song service by the Haymeadow choir.

Devotional conducted by Rev. S. L. Blevins reading Psalms 1. Prayer led by Rev. G. W. Sebastian.

Mrs. Winfrey Luffman spoke on the subject of Missions. (Report to be prepared for minutes from material to be sent by the State Board).

MISSIONS REPORT

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in its one-hundred-and-second year, faces the most significant opportunities of its history. Appalling world needs, material and spiritual, constitute a tremendous challenge to Southern Baptists. We have 624 missionaries in active service—one foreign missionary to approximately 10,000 Southern Baptists.

The point of approach to the world task before us is the homeland. Keep the homeland evangelized and mobilized for service and we have the hope and the assurance of a world evangelization. The spirit of the Home Mission Board is to "help where help is needed." Many of our strongest churches in the South were mission stations operated by the help of Home Missions in an earlier day. A little help now means a great future for some community.

The aim or purpose of State Missions is a three-fold one. In the first place, those activities are promoted which develop a Christian state; winning the lost and teaching the "found" develop Christian citizenship. In the second place, an aggressive State Mission program is essential to the growth of the denomination, and to its morale. In the third place, all missions—State, Home and Foreign—all schools, colleges and seminaries, and all benevolent agencies depend upon State Missions as their base of supplies. For example, through State

Missions people are won, churches are established, and the membership trained. As the churches grow, and their membership becomes informed, they in turn support not alone State Missions but through the Baptist program all missions, all education, and all benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN.

An offering was taken by Haymeadow Church and given as a supplement to the Minute Fund. (Amount of offering, \$9.46).

Song by the choir.

The Clerk spoke briefly on the general topic of the associational work.

Song by the choir.

Rev. A. A. Johnson of the faculty of Mountain View High School brought a message on the subject of "The Wells of Salvation," Genesis 26:18.

The Moderator spoke briefly of the Association and his experiences in this work. Then he turned the service over to Rev. S. L. Blevins to close as he saw fit.

After a few well-chosen remarks by Brother Blevins, a hymn was sung and with a general handshake closed the fifty-first annual session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association. May the Lord keep us, and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us—till we meet again.

CLERK.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

We, the Committee on Resolutions, render our heartfelt thanks to the members of Haymeadow Church and community for their generous hospitality and fine spirit of fellowship shown to those attending the Stone Mountain Association.

May God's richest blessings abide with Church and community.

C. C. GAMBILL,
REV. A. A. JOHNSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee and Churches for Minutes and Clerk	\$ 77.19
Received Associational Offerings	18.36
Received from Walnut Grove Church for Orphanage	5.00
Total	\$100.55

Paid to:

Orphanage	\$ 5.00
Elk Printing Company for Minutes	\$ 80.00
Clerk for Postage and his services	\$ 15.55
Total	\$100.55

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Treasurer.

STATE OF CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism	127	Lost by Letter	52
Received by Letter	65	Lost by Death	19
Received Otherwise	4	Lost Otherwise	4
Total Gain	196	Total Loss	75
Net Gain	121		

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

CHURCH	PRESIDENT OF W.M.U.	MEMBERS	GIFTS (Local)	GIFTS (Missions)
Baptist Home — Mrs. Wade Barlow, North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1		24		\$20.00
Pleasant Ridge — Mrs. Walker W. Luffman, State Road		23	\$21.19	17.00
Traphill — Mrs. Ruth Bryan, Traphill		16	24.98	
Totals		63	\$46.17	\$37.00

DELEGATES

BAPTIST HOME—John McGrady, I. F. Elledge, W. D. Elledge.

BENHAM—C. B. Settle, E. W. Smith, J. D. Luffman.

BETHEL—Jasper Chipman, Millard Walker, Mack Rhodes.

CHESTNUT GROVE—Rev. Wade Houck, McKinley Absher, Juddy Key.

DEHART—Percy Sebastian, E. E. Rhoades, Miss Juanita Porter.

ELK SPUR—L. M. Higgins, Evert Hicks, Kelly Royal.

FAIRPLAINS—Bruce Dearman, Bert Watson, Aaron Brooks.

FLINT HILL—Mrs. Mary Reaves, Mrs. Hester Morrison, Luile Blackburn.

HAYMEADOW—I. H. Sebastian, W. H. Sebastian, A. R. Myers.

KNOBBS—M. G. Key, Sam Spicer, C. S. Lyon.

MAPLE GROVE—C. C. Gambill, A. C. Yale, Glenn Dancy.

MOUNT PISGAH—Bruce Billings, C. A. Absher, Thurmond Holloway.

MOUNT ZION—N. M. Johnson, L. H. Shumate, R. C. Dancy.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY—John Adams, J. C. Kilby, Lewis Adams.

NEW LIGHT—Clifton Prevette, W. E. Parks, Boss Blackburn.

OAK GROVE—J. M. Parsons, Noah Griffin, Howard Griffin.

PINEY GROVE—H. J. Spicer, Ronda Hutchison, H. M. Waddell.

PLEASANT RIDGE—V. Winfrey Luffman, T. J. Walsh, Hubert Martin.

PLEASANT VIEW—Gordon Chambers, W. P. Bell, James Hanks.

ROARING GAP—W. R. DeJournette, W. W. Calloway, J. E. De-Journette.

ROCK SPRINGS—Rev. E. E. Douglas, A. V. Hall, Arthur Wyatt.

STONY RIDGE—G. B. Crabbe, C. W. Billings, Sankie Wiles.

TRAPHILL—J. D. Nickelson, D. C. Castevens, H. G. Pruitt.

UNION—Odell Whittington, Evan L. Colvard, Jesse South.

WALNUT GROVE—Will Gambill, Bob Johnson, W. M. Pruitt.

OUR DEAD

BAPTIST HOME—Mr. Earl Rhodes.

BENHAM—Mr. Henry Swaim.

DEHART—Mr. McCoy Miller, Mr. W. J. Rhoades, Mrs. Fay
Huie Harrold.

ELK SPUR—Mrs. Gladys Hicks.

HAYMEADOW—Mr. D. C. Sebastian.

MAPLE GROVE—Mrs. Bertha Myers.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY—Mrs. Mallissa Brown.

NEW LIGHT—Mrs. Mollie Shepherd.

OAK GROVE—Mr. John Luther.

PINEY GROVE—Mrs. Rosa Waddell, Mrs. Catherine
Alexander.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Mrs. Nancy Smith, Mrs. Sarah Ann
Key.

STONY RIDGE—Miss Mary Brooks.

UNION—Deacon J. R. Bumgarner, Mrs. Mollie Joines, Mr.
R. V. Faw.

TABLE 1. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location, OC-V T-C	Year Organized	Pastors and Addresses	Gains			Losses			Dates of Meeting	Baptisms	Other Additions			Other Losses			Total All Bldg. and Re-serve Funds on Hand at End of Year	Grand Total Present Membership	Wkly. Prayer Meetings?	Number Revivals	Spend on Building or Remodeling Last Year	Total Value of All Church Property	
				By Letter	By Letter	By Death	By Letter	By Death	Other Losses															
Baptist Home.....	OC 1880	S. L. Blevins, Hays.	2 & 4	15	7	1	1	1	1	1	5,000.00	193	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,770.00	
Benham.....	OC 1917	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	1 & 3	7	2		2	1	1	1	2,500.00	170	yes	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,500.00	
Bethel.....	OC 1881	Ernest Blevins, Hays.	2	1			1				.....	156	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,600.00	
Chestnut Grove.....	OC 1900	Lester Johnson, Hays.	3		1						.....	83	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	
Dehart.....	OC 1879	Minter L. Blevins, Springfield	2	7	1		2	3	1	.....	.....	95	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	
Elk Spur.....	OC 1900	Hillery Blevins, Hays.	2	2	2	1	2	1			9.10	57	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	
Fairplain.....	V 1901	Not Given	3	12	5	1	9		1	.....	.....	317	yes	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,500.00	
Flint Hill.....	OC 1912	Charlie Richardson, N. Wilkesboro, R2	3	2	2						.....	130	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,750.00	
Haymeadow.....	OC 1905	D. C. Miller,Hays.	1 & 3	5	2		1				.....	178	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	
Knobbs.....	OC 1908	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	2 & 4								.....	109	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	
Maple Grove.....	OC 1932	Hillery E. Blevins, Hays	1	4	2		2	1		1	1,525.47	166	yes	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,500.00	
Mount Pisgah.....	OC 1879	Charlie Richardson, N. Wilkesboro, R2	1	11	2		4				.....	95	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,750.00	
Mount Zion.....	OC 1898	Jimmie Bryant, N. Wilkesboro, R2	4	2	2						70.00	87	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	
Mountain Valley.....	OC 1902	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro, R2	2	15	2			1		1	2,000.00	124	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	
New Light.....	OC 1899	L. E. Sparks, Moxley.	4		1						.....	105	yes	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300.00	
Oak Grove.....	OC 1905	George Osborne, Cricket	4								8.00	40	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	
Piney Grove.....	OC 1888	A. L. Gambill, Moxley	4	1			6	2	1	.....	.....	156	yes	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	
Pleasant Ridge.....	OC 1907	S. L. Blevins, Hays	1	8			7	2		1	350.00	221	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,500.00	
Pleasant View.....	OC 1944	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	2 & 4	16	27						.....	103	yes	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	
Roaring Gap.....	OC 1901	Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	6	2		4				360.00	177	no	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	
Rock Springs.....	OC 1904	D. O. Cleary, N. Wilkesboro	2	1	1		3				33.00	141	no	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,250.00	
Stony Ridge.....	OC 1905	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	3	5	2			1			50.00	87	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	
Traphill.....	V 1887	Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	4							.....	74	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,750.00	
Union.....	OC 1912	J. G. Huffman, N. Wilkesboro	3	1			5				.....	142	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,500.00	
Walnut Grove.....	OC 1902	Minter L. Blevins, Springfield	1	4	2	1	2				.....	231	no	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00	
TOTALS.....				127	65	4	52	19	4	4	12,075.02	3437		27	6475.75	62	470.00							

Union pledged \$100 to Co-operative Program or Unified Budget for coming year.
Pleasant View shows an indebtedness on Church Property of \$275.00.

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll, 3 & Under										Average Attendance	Enrolment Vac. B. Sch.	Average Attendance?
		Nursery, 3 & Under	Beginners 4-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 and Up	Extension Dept.	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrolment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils			
Baptist Home.....	W. H. Barlow, N. Wilkesboro, R1	21	29	29	31	46	2	170	95	50	40			
Benham.....	J. D. Luffman, Ronda	26	18	18	22	40	3	109	50					
Bethel.....	M. A. Miller, Hays	16	13	14	17	10		70	50					
Chestnut Grove.....	Commie Haynes, Reddies River	12	12	12	35	12	5	64	35	30	25			
Dehart.....	R. P. Miles, Hays	13	12	8	12			45	49					
Elk Spur.....	L. M. Higgins, Miles							23						
Fairplain.....	Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro, R1	20	18	20	36	62	12	203	140	60	50			
Flint Hill.....	D. V. Brown, N. Wilkesboro	20	20	12	18	18	7	95	65					
Haymeadow.....	V. M. Harrold, Hays	3	20	7	13	11	29	7	90	53				
Knobbs.....	R. S. Dameron, Ronda		15	10	20	25	5	75						
Maple Grove.....	Glenn Dancy, N. Wilkesboro	5	23	25	8	16	38	115	68	38	30			
Mount Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery	5	3	6	10	8	16	66	35					
Mount Zion.....	L. W. Shumate, Reddies River							25*						
Mountain Valley.....	Trelia Kilby, Reddies River, R1	24	11	19	34	21	8	117	70	27	20			
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	4	7	8	5	17	41	30						
Oak Grove.....	Amanda Griffin, Wilbar	3		6		10		19	19					
Piney Grove.....	H. M. Waddell, Moxley		7	7	27		41							
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. W. Carter, State Road	10	15	26	26	75	9	200	120	108	89			
Pleasant View.....	Harvey Hanes, State Road	15	14	32	30	40	6	137	85					
Roaring Gap.....	W. W. Calloway, Thurmond	3	8	12	24	22	6	75	55	32	24			
Rock Springs.....	E. E. Douglas, McGrady	12	20	28		15		75	45					
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill		10	12	30	15	7	74	45					
Traphill.....	Glenn Brown, Traphill	5	6	14	12	12	3	39	15					
Union.....	Odell Whittington, Reddies River	10	4	15	10	12		63	45					
Walnut Grove.....	Mrs. Pearl Blevins, Springfield	10	30	12	12	12	4	56	48					
* Estimated	Totals	924	201	160	298	323	316	609	979	2087	1217	345	278	

TABLE III: GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid For Year	Incidentals-Janitor, Fuel, Water, Repairs, Insur., Etc.	Ass't. Pastor, Ed. Dir. Choir Leader, Etc.	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Literature-Quarteries, Church Paper, Etc.	Help For Local Poor	Minutes and Clerk of Association	Building Fund, (Amt. Given Last Year)	Other Objects	Total Given For Local Church Work
Baptist Home	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro, R1	634.00	50.00		119.00	82.51	10.00	4.00	864.22	64.83	1,828.56
Benham	C. B. Settle, Benham	131.07	31.00		66.00	41.00	18.00	2.00			289.07
Bethel	Jasper G. Chipman, N. Wilkesboro, R2	147.55	50.12		26.46	18.18		2.00		4.00	248.73
Chestnut Grove	McKinley Absher, Mertie	116.20	48.00		8.00	13.45		3.00			188.65
Dehart	Miss Flossie Brooks, Hays	62.65			31.10	13.57		3.00		3.50	113.82
Elk Spur	John A. Royal, Traphill	120.28			30.50		58.30	2.25	9.10		220.43
Fairplain	Grady F. Miller, N. Wilkesboro	450.50	125.00		95.00	97.90		3.50		500.00	1,271.90
Fint Hill	Mrs. Russell Absher, N. Wilkesboro	152.36	10.00		26.39	50.47		2.10			241.32
Haymeadow	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	102.00	16.60		75.00	41.50		4.00	261.00	258.23	758.33
Knobbs	M. G. Key, Traphill	49.61	20.00			16.00		2.00	1,600.00		1,693.61
Maple Grove	J. A. Gilliam, N. Wilkesboro, R2	479.12	44.72		70.00	47.00	6.00	4.00	42.28	15.00	1,875.13
Mount Pisgah	Bruce Billings, Dockery	132.98	29.50	100.00	41.04	25.19	10.00	3.00			398.99
Mount Zion	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River, R1	173.15	12.90		62.25	22.46		3.50			274.26
Mountain Valley	J. H. Adams, Wilkesboro, R1	295.00	70.20		56.46		50.00	3.50	1,200.00		1,675.16
New Light	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River	100.00	3.00			5.00		2.25			110.25
Oak Grove	Mrs. S. E. Owens, N. Wilkesboro, R2	26.50				1.40		1.00			28.90
Piney Grove	W. F. Bowers, Abshers	75.00		34.00		27.00	28.00	2.00			166.00
Pleasant Ridge	C. W. Luffman, State Road	388.45	199.74		121.84	68.71	102.85	5.00	16.00	67.07	969.66
Pleasant View	Harvey Hanes, State Road	1,020.42	130.57	100.00	205.11	48.00	50.00	5.00	1,193.97		2,913.07
Roaring Gap	Mrs. W. R. DeJournette, Traphill	326.26	63.58		132.37	40.16		5.00		32.05	599.42
Rock Springs	A. V. Hall, Halls Mills	50.00			32.00			2.00			84.00
Stony Ridge	C. W. Billings, Lomax	80.00			35.00	30.00		3.00		90.00	238.00
Traphill	Mrs. D. C. Casstevens, Traphill	162.41	12.85		56.41	12.92	32.37	3.00			279.96
Union	Frank Huffman, Reddies River	200.00	1,500.00		25.00	70.00	39.00	3.00			1,837.00
Walnut Grove	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	90.85	57.44		31.50	18.00		2.00		130.00	329.79
TOTALS		5,566.36	2,475.22	234.00	1,346.43	790.42	633.14	77.19	6,186.57	1,164.68	18,634.01

Pleasant View Church paid \$160.00 on Church Debt out of current funds.

TABLE IV: GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Gifts To Co-Operative Program or Budget	Designated To State Missions	Designated To Home Missions	Designated To Foreign Missions	Orphanages (Cash and Estimated Value of Mdse., Clothing, Etc.)	Designated To Hospitals	Designated To Red Cross & For. Relief	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Total For All Missions	Grand Total of All Contributions For All Purposes
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro, R1.....	8.11				34.17	32.00			74.28	1,902.84
Benham.....	Mrs. Mamie Smith, Benham.....						7.62			7.62	296.69
Bethel.....	Jasper G. Chipman, N. Wilkesboro, R2.....					4.41				4.41	253.14
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie Dehart.....	6.15				9.03	9.00			24.18	212.83
Elk Spur.....	L. O. Handy, Radical.....										113.82
Fairplain.....	John A. Royal, Traphill.....						10.50			10.50	230.93
Flint Hill.....	Clate Duncan, N. Wilkesboro, R1.....		10.00			78.48	24.15			123.98	1,395.88
Haymeadow.....	Mrs. Russell Absher, N. Wilkesboro.....						15.00			15.00	256.32
Knobs.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays.....						4.63			4.63	762.96
Maple Grove.....	C. S. Lyon, Traphill.....						16.00			16.00	1,709.61
Mount Pisgah.....	A. C. Yale, Hays.....					130.18	25.00	62.00		237.18	2,112.31
Mount Zion.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery.....	8.00	12.00			19.20	8.30		6.50	61.00	459.99
Mountain Valley.....	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River, R1.....				27.00		10.00			10.00	284.26
New Light.....	G. T. Foster, Reddies River, R1.....					24.75	24.75			24.75	1,699.91
Oak Grove.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....					24.94	24.94			24.94	135.19
Piney Grove.....	Mrs. S. E. Owens, N. Wilkesboro, R2.....										28.90
Pleasant Ridge.....	H. J. Spicer, Abshers.....					21.25	21.25			21.25	187.25
Pleasant View.....	Hubert Martin, State Road.....	18.65				103.93	22.21	4.00	28.76	193.82	1,163.48
Roaring Gap.....	Harvey Hanes, State Road.....				16.27		30.00			55.18	2,913.07
Rock Springs.....	W. R. DeJournette, Traphill.....					25.18					654.60
Stony Ridge.....	A. V. Hall, Halls Mills.....					10.00	20.00			30.00	84.00
Traphill.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill.....						7.50			7.50	268.00
Union.....	Von Pruitt, Traphill.....	55.00				35.32	6.50	7.65		104.47	287.46
Walnut Grove.....	Evan Colvard, Wilbar.....					5.00				5.00	1,941.47
	Gorman Blevins, Springfield.....										334.79
TOTALS.....		95.91	12.00	10.00	54.62	454.90	319.35	73.65	35.26	1,055.69	19,689.70

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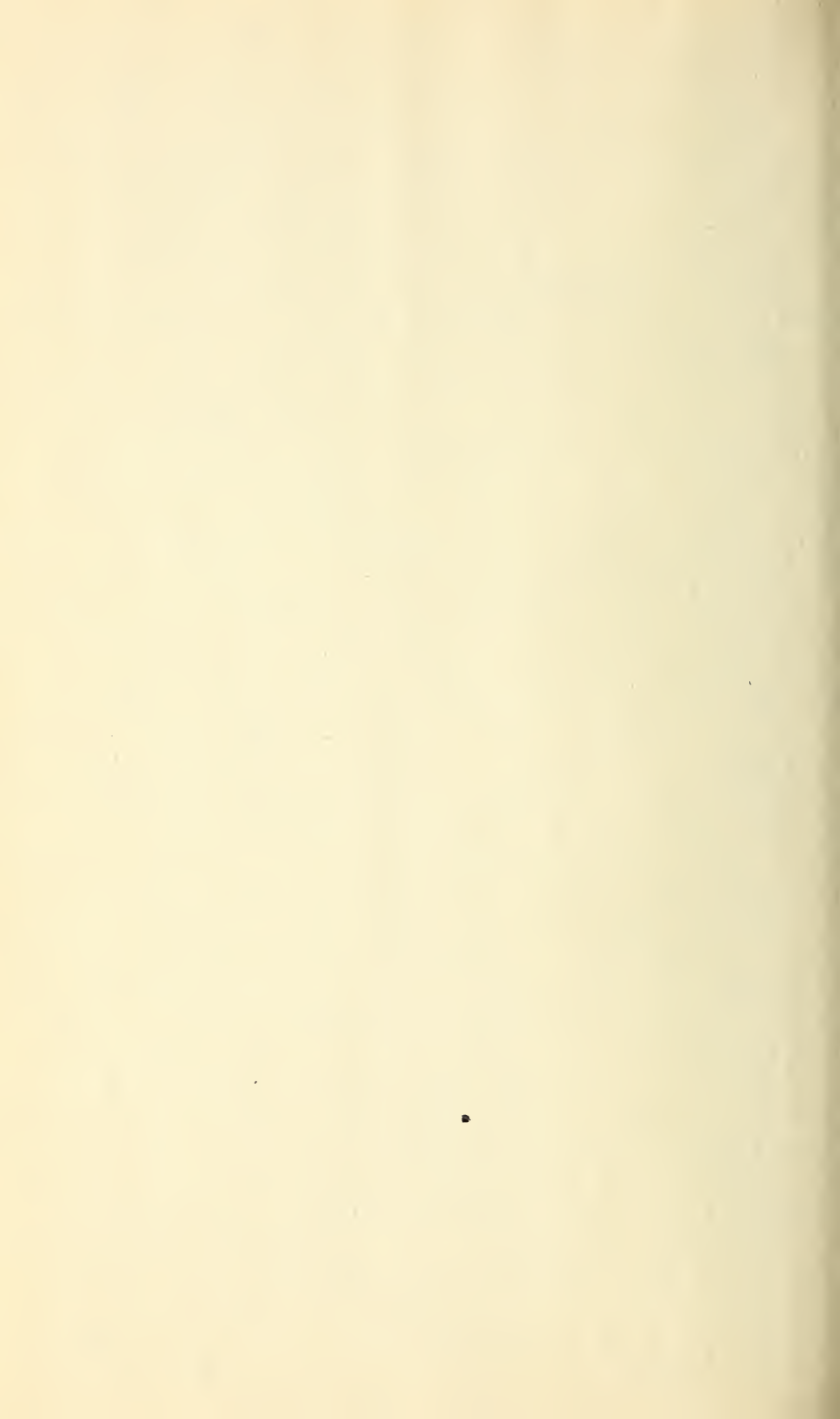
State Road, N. C.

September 24, 25, 1948

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator _____ Hays, N. C.

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN, Clerk -- State Road, N. C.

The next session will be held with Fairplain Baptist Church on Highway No. 18, three miles north of North Wilkesboro, September 23 and 24, 1949. Introductory sermon by Rev. Woodrow Wishon; alternate, Rev. Watson Bryant.



DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Grady F. Miller	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
John McGrady	North Wilkesboro
V. M. Harrold	Hays
Lonnie Billings	Dockery
C. E. Billings	Hays

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Rev. Minter L. Blevins	Hays
J. G. Chipman	Route 2, North Wilkesboro
A. R. Myers	Hays
Bruce Dearman	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
Mack Pruitt	North Wilkesboro
J. A. Gilliam	Route 2, North Wilkesboro
V. Winfrey Luffman	State Road

PASTORS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. F. Absher	Kannapolis
B. H. Barker	Roaring River
Ernest Blevins	Hays
Hillery Blevins	Hays
J. A. Blevins	Hays
Minter L. Blevins	Hays
S. L. Blevins	Hays
T. E. Blevins	Absher
Watson Bryant	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
Hubert Bullis	North Wilkesboro
John Burcham	Roaring River
Marvin Burcham	Elkin
Albert Byrd	North Wilkesboro
Willis Byrd	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
S. T. Childress	Hillsville, Va.
Clate Brown	Oakwood
Carl Cockerham	Roaring River
David Cockerham	Elkin
W. F. Cooper	Traphill
G. W. Curry	Traphill
E. E. Douglas	McGrady
Roy Franklin	Hays
A. L. Gambill	Moxley
Uriah Hanks	Springfield
A. B. Hayes	Hays
J. E. Hayes	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
J. G. Huffman	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
Lester Johnson	Hays
John Kilby	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
W. B. Luffman	Route 2, North Wilkesboro
O. B. Mayberry	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
D. C. Miller	Hays
Ernest Miller	Hays
George Osborne	Cricket
G. W. Prevette	Roaring River
Gar Pruitt	Springfield
Charlie Richardson	Route 2, North Wilkesboro
L. E. Sparks	Moxley
A. A. Staley	Reddies River
Woodrow Wishon	State Road
Banner Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Jesse Yale	North Wilkesboro

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes

of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.
6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
8. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

P R O C E E D I N G S

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its fifty-second annual session at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 24, 1948, at Pleasant View Baptist Church.

Hymns: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm" and "Send the Light."

Prayer offered by Rev. L. E. Sparks.

Devotional conducted by Rev. Woodrow Wishon, using Romans

12. Prayer led by W. M. Pruitt.

Hymn: "Amazing Grace."

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Luffman on the subject of "Love" using I John 4.

Prayer offered by Rev. Eugene Olive.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the roll of churches called. Twenty letters were presented and read by the Clerk assisted by Rev. Minter L. Blevins.

A request for reinstatement was presented from Mountain View Church and, on motion, their request was granted. The assembled delegates of the association also, by rising vote, welcomed Mountain View Church back into the association.

Bro. Young Brooks and Bro. Millard Walker were recognized as the only members present who were present at the organization of the Stone Mountain Association. Bro. Brooks spoke briefly of the work of the association through the years.

On motion, Rev. Minter Blevins was elected Moderator, protem.

On motion, J. A. Gilliam was re-elected Moderator for the next year; On motion, V. Winfrey Luffman was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer for the next year.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

FINANCE:—J. S. Hanks and Lonnie Billings.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES:—G. A. Chambers, W. P. Bell, Adolphus Stonestreet.

MISSIONS:—Rev. S. L. Blevins, U. M. Myers and A. R. Myers.

HOSPITALS:—Mrs. Glenn Dancy, John McGrady.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS:—Rev. Eugene Olive, L. M. Higgins and U. M. Myers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:—Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, Grady F. Miller, Rev. Eugene Olive.

TEMPERANCE:—Rev. A. B. Hayes and J. W. Mayberry.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER:—C. A. Marlow, J. H. Adams and G. B. Crabbe.

ORPHANAGE:—C. C. Blevins and Evan Colvard.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF: Rev. Ernest Blevins, C. C. Gam-bill and J. G. Chipman.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION: Mrs. Walker Luffman, Mrs. Millie Pendry.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Mrs. John R. Jones and Mrs. W. W. Calloway.

RESOLUTIONS: Evan Colvard and Rev. W. F. Cooper.

SPECIAL CHANGES: V. Winfrey Luffman.

Hymn: "I Am Thine, O Lord."

The Moderator recognized the following visiting Ministers: Eugene Olive of Wake Forest College, M. A. Huggins of the Baptist State Board, L. L. Carpenter of the Biblical Recorder, W. K. McGee of the Baptist Hospital and W. B. Luffman of the Elkin Association; also, the following Ministers of this vicinity: John Burcham, L. E. Sparks, W. F. Cooper, A. B. Hayes, J. E. Hayes, J. G. Huffman, G. W. Curry, Warren Norman, Woodrow Wishon, Ernest Blevins, A. A. Johnson, M. L. Blevins, C. W. Bryant, Hardin Brown and H. E. Blevins.

Rev. Eugene Olive spoke briefly on the subject of Wake Forest College using as a text, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds."

On motion, adjourned for lunch. The ladies of Pleasant View Church provided a delicious lunch which was heartily enjoyed.

Hymn: "Love Lifted Me." Prayer led by Rev. John Burcham.

The report on Periodicals was read by W. M. Pruitt:

PERIODICALS

Our thinking and actions are largely governed by what we read; therefore, it is very important what our young people read.

Many publications on the market today are immoral and indecent and we urge our young people to refrain from reading such literature. We advise parents to bar such matter from their homes and see that our young have reading material that is educational in the moral and spiritual direction.

The Baptist press can supply much of such reading; therefore, we recommend that we patronize our Baptist publishers to our own advantage.

W. M. PRUITT

MRS. J. L. GREGORY

On motion, report adopted. Discussion by W. M. Pruitt and L. L. Carpenter

The report on Missions was read by U. M. Myers:

MISSIONS

Missions is as old as God's dealings with man. He assigned

to Adam a mission and to the patriarchs and all the prophets from Moses to Christ. Christ gave to his disciples the responsibility of carrying the Gospel to all the world and to teach all nations to observe whatsoever He had commanded them.

I can think of no better way to carry on than through the co-operative program and to take an inventory that we would compare to the ten lepers who were cleansed.

S. L. BLEVINS

U. M. MYERS

On motion, report adopted. Bro. M. A. Huggins brought a stirring message on Missions.

Report on Christian Education was read by Mrs. Winfrey Luffman:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

North Carolina Baptists have six Baptist Colleges for the training of their boys and girls—Wake Forest, Mars Hill, Campbell, Meredith, Wingate and Gardner-Webb. These are Christian Colleges whose teachers are Christian men and women. They prepare for their work most of the preachers, missionaries and other Christian leaders in the churches. Many thousands of our North Carolina young men and young women are receiving in these schools training that will prepare them to serve their day and generation.

The homes, the churches, and the schools are working hand in hand to prepare the youth of our country to live and serve in their generation as God wants them to do.

Since many of our boys and girls do not go away to school, the education they receive must be in our own communities. If they are to learn the Bible, we must teach it to them. Teach it to them for instruction, that it may be their guide book; teach it to them for correction that it may condemn the wrong; teach it to them that they may have the comfort of its precious promises in time of trouble; teach it to them that they may hide its words in their hearts that they may not sin against God; teach it to them that they may lay hold on Eternal Life for these are the words of Life; teach it to them that they may know God, for God reveals Himself in His Word.

The Word of the Lord is quick and powerful and God has promised that His Word shall not return unto Him void.

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN

EUGENE OLIVE

On motion, report adopted. Remarks by Mrs. Luffman and Rev. John Burcham.

Report on Pastor and Church Relationship read by Rev. M. L. Blevins:

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Jesus "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Men who are called to be ministers of Christ must remember that this is their mission too. It is often said that the pastor is a leader, but Jesus emphasized the fact that he is a servant. Said he, "If any man would be first among you, let him be the servant of all." We do not need any leaders who are not, first of all, servants.

We believe, therefore, that the pastors who will be most in demand by the churches are those that will serve the churches the

best. Just as Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it, so the pastor is to love the church and give himself in service to it.

And the church must love the pastor and follow his example and teachings as he follows Christ. That means, of course, that there should never be strife between pastor and church just as there should be no strife within the church, for all are brothers in Christ.

EUGENE OLIVE

L. M. HIGGINS

On motion, report adopted.

On request of Mrs. L. M. Higgins, the associational body united in prayer for the recovery of Rev. Hillery Blevins. Prayer led by Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday. Benediction pronounced by Rev. A. B. Hayes.

SATURDAY SESSION

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Devotional conducted by Rev. W. K. McGee of the Baptist Hospital using Romans 15: 1-15. Prayer.

Hymn: "Heavenly Sunlight."

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Five letters from the churches were handed in and read by the Moderator. and John McGrady.

Temperance Report read by Rev. A. B. Hayes:

TEMPERANCE

The subject of temperance covers a broad field in its scope. When we speak of temperance, sometimes we think only of alcoholics and narcotics; temperance means self-control—the controlling of appetites, habits and actions—better known as Christian behavior. This can only be brought about by the New Birth, or Regeneration as it is usually called.

Paul, the apostle, said, "I bring my body under subjection." That's what the Holy Spirit does for the individual.

We can legislate, make laws against the sale of intoxicating drinks and beverages, but when one has been brought under the saving power of God's grace, then he can resist these evil influences that cause millions of unsaved people to be lost.

It's up to the Christian men and women to carry the Gospel to this class of people and lead them to Christ. We are led to believe that this is the surest and quickest way to rid America of the evils of intemperance.

A. B. HAYES

Discussion by Bro. Hayes, Rev. Woodrow Wishon and Rev. Warren Norman. On motion, report and remarks adopted.

Hospital Report read by Rev. W. K. McGee:

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem ministers to the sick from all parts of our state. From among those of limited means 26,000 visits were made to the Out-Patient Department for examination, diagnosis and treatment last year. There will be 35,000 visits this year.

Money is now being raised to build a new enlarged hospital in Winston-Salem to provide space for many sick people for whom there is not room now.

Our Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College provide training for young women and young men who are called into the fields of nursing and medicine. The Hospital also maintains a Department of Religion to provide spiritual training for the students and a Chaplain service for the patients.

North Carolina Baptists have developed an outstanding medical center. It is for its ministry to those with little money that we appeal to the churches of our Association to give generously on Mother's Day.

W. K. McGEE

On motion, report adopted. Discussed by Bro. McGee and James Hanks.

W. M. U. Report read by Mrs. Walker Luffman:

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

A Woman's Missionary Society or W. M. U., is an organization for the women of a Baptist Church, which meets regularly and has for its aims: to enlist women in prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible and world missions, regular contributions to missions, Community missions and missionary education of young people.

This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of our organization. Let us give our best in this commemoration year "for God and Home and Every Land."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALKER LUFFMAN

On motion, report adopted. Remarks by Mrs. Luffman.

Hymn: "Bring Them In."

Report on Old Ministers' Relief read:

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

One of the highest callings on earth is the calling to preach the gospel of Christ; it is also one of the hardest works when properly done. In our churches we have God-called men wearing out their lives and making many sacrifices to help spread the gospel. Many of them accumulate but little of this world's wealth, therefore old age finds them dependent on God's people for financial support.

Let us not neglect to provide financial means so that our old ministers may be taken care of in their later years.

ERNEST BLEVINS

JASPER G. CHIPMAN

On motion, report adopted. Remarks by Rev. W. K. McGee.

A portion of time was dedicated to the memory of Rev. Grant Cothren, Rev. L. B. Murray and Rev. J. Z. Adams. Rev. W. F. Cooper and Evan Colvard spoke of the lives of these deceased ministers and of their work in this association.

On motion, adjourned for lunch. Dinner spread by the women of Pleasant View Church and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The work of the association was resumed in the afternoon.

Hymn: "Send the Light." Prayer offered by Rev. Watson Bryant.

Orphanage report read by C. C. Blevins:

ORPHANAGE

The North Carolina Orphanage has the responsibility of housing, feeding, clothing, schooling and ministering to the health and religious life of a large number of homeless children.

Last year 608 children were cared for in both of our homes, 83 children in foster homes and 80 children were given Mothers' Aid, making a total of 771 children helped directly. The case workers helped with plans for 749 other children, thus serving 1520 children in one year.

Superintendent Wall says, "We need your prayers; and on one Sunday in each month we know that you will continue to take an offering for us. Our own Sunday School observes the first Sunday in each month as Orphanage Day. You will rejoice to know that all our children remain for church, behave beautifully and make their own offering regularly and cheerfully."

We urge every church in the Stone Mountain Association to follow the example set by these orphan children and take an offering one Sunday in each month and back that up with a liberal Thanksgiving offering for these homeless children.

C. C. BLEVINS

EVAN COLVARD

Discussed by C. C. Blevins, Evan Colvard and J. D. Fraley, treasurer of Thomasville Orphanage. On motion, report and discussion adopted.

Resolutions report read by Evan Colvard:

RESOLUTIONS

We, the committee on resolutions, wish to bow in recognition of the will of an all-powerful and all-wise God, who does all things well.

We wish to express our sympathy to the families and churches of our beloved dead.

We wish to thank the Pleasant View Church and community for their kindness and hospitality.

EVAN COLVARD

W. F. COOPER

Report on Time, Place and Preacher read:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949.

Place: Fairplain Baptist Church.

Preacher: Rev. Woodrow Wishon; alternate, Rev. Watson Bryant.

C. A. MARLOW

J. H. ADAMS

G. B. CRABBE

Finances report read by James Hanks:

FINANCES

Received from Churches for minute fund \$82.82

Received from Piney Grove Church for Old Ministers'

Relief 6.00

Total \$88.82

Hymn: "When I See the Blood."

On motion, Clerk is authorized to make special changes.

The committee on Sunday Schools being absent, it was decided that this report be handed in later to be printed in the minutes:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In studying the New Testament we find that the gospel of Jesus Christ was carried to others both by preaching and by teaching. Today in our churches the message is still carried by preaching and teaching. So the important objective of the Sunday School is teaching—teaching the Bible.

The Sunday School of today will be the church of tomorrow. We should have a goal in the Stone Mountain Association; every available man, woman and child, in every community, to be in the Sunday School; every member of the Sunday School to be in the church; and every member of the church to be in the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN R. JONES

An offering (\$13.56) was taken to supplement the minute fund. On motion, the clerk was authorized to have 800 minutes printed.

Hymn: "When I Can Read My Title Clear" and "God Be With You" were sung and the fifty-second session of the Stone Mountain closed with a general handshake.

Benediction pronounced by Rev. H. E. Blevins.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee and Churches for Minutes	\$83.82
Received Association Offering	13.56
Received from Piney Grove Church for Old Ministers' Relief	6.00
Total	<u>\$103.38</u>
Paid to:	
M. A. Huggins for Old Ministers' Relief	\$ 6.00
Elk Printing Company for 800 Minutes	85.00
Postage and Incidentals	12.38
Total	<u>\$103.38</u>

STATE OF CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism	166	Lost by Death	26
Received by letter & otherwise	61	Lost by letter & otherwise	45
Total Gain	<u>227</u>	Total Loss	<u>71</u>
Net Gain	156		

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

Church	President Of W.M.U.	Membership	Tithers
Baptist Home—Mrs. W. H. Barlow, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	30		2
Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Walker Luffman, State Road	20		1
Traphill—Mrs D. C. Castevens, Traphill	23		
Totals	<u>73</u>		<u>3</u>

TRAINING UNION REPORT

Roaring Gap Church, Director, Mrs. Marie Royal of Thurmond; 7 Juniors, 66 Young People, 20 Adults, Total 93.

DELEGATES

- BAPTIST HOME—John McGrady, R. C. Tindall, George Blevins.
BENHAM—J. A. West, H. F. Byrd, Ernest Byrd.
BETHEL—Millard Walker, Jasper G. Chipman, Homer Elledge.
CHESTNUT GROVE—Connie Haynes, Mrs. Pedre Key, Mrs. Dacy Haynes.
DEHART—R. P. Miles, Dennis Walker, L. O. Handy.
ELK SPUR—Marvin Lyons, Quincy Royal, L. M. Higgins.
FAIRPLAIN—Arthur Marlow, Mrs. Arthur Marlow, J. V. Wallace.
FLINT HILL—Luie Blackburn, D. V. Brown, Wiley Clonch.
HAYMEADOW—I. H. Sebastian, R. L. Maltba, John Teague.
KNOBBS—C. S. Lyon, Lincoln Spicer, R. S. Dameron.
MAPLE GROVE—C. C. Blevins, Lester Gentry, A. C. Yale.
MOUNT PISGAH—Bruce Billings, Thurman Holloway, C. A. Absher.
MOUNT ZION—R. C. Dancy, H. T. Turner, N. M. Johnson.
MOUNTAIN VALLEY—J. C. Kilby, Lewis Adams, John Adams.
MOUNTAIN VIEW—Vernon Woodruff, Troy L. Perry, Wilmer Woodruff.
NEW LIGHT—Clifton Prevette, W. E. Parks, Homer Shepherd.
PINEY GROVE—H. J. Spicer, Challie Huie, W. F. Bowers.
PLEASANT RIDGE—D. N. Martin, Hubert Martin, T. J. Walsh.
PLEASANT VIEW—G. A. Chambers, W. P. Bell, Adolphus Stone-street.
ROARING GAP—W. R. DeJournette, H. H. Warren, W. B. Hall.
ROCK SPRINGS—A. V. Hall, Gilbert Handy, Arthur Wyatt.
STONY RIDGE—G. B. Crabbe, C. W. Billings, Sankie Wiles.
TRAPHILL—Claud Brown, H. G. Pruitt, Mrs. Ellen Pruitt.
UNION—Odell Whittington, Frank Huffman, Evan Colvard.
WALNUT GROVE—Major Caudill, M. M. Blevins, Bob Johnson.

OUR DEAD

BAPTIST HOME—Earl Rhodes.

BETHEL—Sam Rhodes.

CHESTNUT GROVE—Miss Laura Lane.

ELK SPUR—Mrs. Nannie Brown.

HAYMEADOW—E. A. Rhoades.

KNOBBS—Rev. J. Z. Adams.

MAPLE GROVE—Lonnie Brown.

MOUNT ZION—J. G. Teague.

PINEY GROVE—Mrs. Susan Brown, Mrs. Verna Casey,
Mrs. Bertha Waddell, Deacon W. C. Waddell, Am-
brose Burchette, James Cleary.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Miss Mollie Carter, Rev. L. B. Mur-
ray, E. A. Carter.

PLEASANT VIEW—Mrs. Callaway Haynes.

ROARING GAP—Mrs. DeEtte Spicer, Rev. Grant Coth-
ren, James Blackburn, Charlie Crabb.

ROCK SPRINGS—Mrs. Ernest Wagoner, Deacon Mack
Irvin Absher.

STONY RIDGE—Carl Bauguess, Robert Billings.

TABLE 1: CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letter & other Additions	Loss By Death	Total Losses	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Baptist Home.....	OC 1830	2 & 4	4	S. L. Blevins, Hays	8	2	1	1	169	1	2
Benham.....	OC 1917	2	2	Marvin Burcham, Elkin	8	1		3	176	2	
Bethel.....	OC 1887	2		Ernest Blevins, Hays.	9	6	1	2	173	1	
Chestnut Grove.....	OC 1900	3		Lester Johnson, Hays.	1		1	1	83	1	1
Dehart.....	OC 1879	2	2	Minter L. Blevins, Hays	12	5		2	110	1	
Elk Spur.....	OC 1900	2		Hillery Blevins, Hays.				1	56	1	
Fairplain.....	V 1905	3		Clate Brown, Oakwood		8	1	3	322		
Flint Hill.....	OC 1912	3		Charlie Richardson, N. Wilkesboro					130		
Haymeadow.....	OC 1905	1 & 3		D. C. Miller, Hays	6	6	1	3	188	1	
Knobbs.....	OC 1906	2 & 4		Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	6	4	1	1	118	2	
Maple Grove.....	OC 1932	1		H. E. Blevins, Hays.	7	4	1	2	175	1	
Mount Pisgah.....	OC 1879	1		Charlie Richardson, N. Wilkesboro.				2	102	1	
Mount Zion.....	OC 1898	4		Clarence Miller, Hays.	9		1	2	84		
Mountain Valley.....	OC 1902	2 & 4		W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro, R2	3	2			128	1	
Mountain View.....	V 1912	2 & 4		Glenn Huffman, N. Wilkesboro.	2		8		71	1	
New Light.....	OC 1899	2		L. E. Sparks, Moxley	9		1	1	112	1	
Oak Grove.....	OC 1905	4		Not Given					40		
Piney Grove.....	OC 1888	4		A. L. Gambill and L. E. Sparks, Moxley	3	2	6	13	148	1	
Pleasant Ridge.....	OC 1907	1		S. L. Blevins, Hays.	11	3	3	5	230	1	12
Pleasant View.....	OC 1944	1, 2 & 4		Woodrow Wishon, State Road	25	6	1	2	134	2	
Roaring Gap.....	OC 1901	3		Minter L. Blevins, Hays.	14	2	4	7	186	1	
Rock Springs.....	OC 1904	2		C. W. Bryant, N. Wilkesboro	2	3	2	3	145	1	
Stony Ridge.....	OC 1905	3		L. E. Sparks, Moxley.	4		2		91	1	
Traphill.....	V 1887	1		Ernest Blevins, Hays.					74	1	
Union.....	OC 1912	3		J. G. Huffman, N. Wilkesboro.	3	3		1	147	1	
Walnut Grove.....	OC 1902	1		Minter L. Blevins, Hays.	24	4		5	259	2	
				TOTALS	166	61	26	693,651	25	15	

TOTALS.

TABLE II: THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT											V.B.S.			
	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted	Classes and Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	V.B.S. Enrollment	Average Attendance
Baptist Home.....			17	17	22	22	30	56		10	174	100		51	46
Benham.....			23		21		48	20		4	116	58			
Bethel.....			12		18	15	22	12		7	86				
Chestnut Grove.			12	4	12	5		12		5	50	30			
Dehart.....			17		13		11	17			58	45			
Elk Spur.....															
Fairplain.....			20	18	20	36	26	71		12	203	160		70	67
Flint Hill.....	6	20	16	21	18	15	30			7	133	60			
Haymeadow.....		12	9	11	11		9	27			79	58			
KKnobs.....			15		15		36			8	74	58			
Maple Grove.....	7	30		16	18	25	35			2	133	62			
Mount Pisgah.....	5		10	8	6	14	18				61	35			
Mount Zion.....															
Mountain Valley.....	4	10	12	8	20	25	25				104	75	34	32	
Mountain View.....		14		15	10	12	39				90	43			
New Light.....	3	9	7	11	7		12			5	54	40			
Oak Grove.....															
Piney Grove.....			6	8				36		6	56	50			
Pleasant Ridge.....	13	15	14	26	28	35	82	9		3	215	130			
Pleasant View.....		37		21	46	51	33				188				
Roaring Gap.....	5		14	16		27	24			7	93	65			
Rock Springs.....			8		11	8	20				47	22			
Stony Ridge.....				12	10	24	24			6	76	50			
Traphill.....		5			15		15				35	19			
Union.....		10	4	15	20		12				61	40	47	36	
		10		19			24	15			61	50			

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Janitor, Fuel, Repairs, Insurance, Etc.	Ass't. Pastor, Ed Dir., Choir Leader	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Paid on Church Debt Out of Current Funds	Literature, Quarters, Church Paper, Song Books	Local Benevolences	Building Fund (given Associational year)	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Church Work
Baptist Home.	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro, R1.	460.00	100.00		100.00		140.00	150.00	6,000.00		50.00	7,000.00
Benham.	C. B. Settle, Benham	135.00	26.00		70.50		58.50	52.09		17.50	12.63	372.22
Bethel.	J. G. Chipman, N. Wilkesboro, R2.	170.26	27.60		28.44						268.77	495.07
Chestnut Grove	Not given.	84.83	4.30		27.44		17.20				133.77	107.50
Dehart.	Not given.	53.70			37.50		16.30					164.55
Elk Spur	Not given.	151.75					3.80				9.00	2,079.64
Fairplain	Clate Duncan, N. Wilkesboro, R1.	472.41	1,428.91				178.32					13.00
Flint Hill	Not given.	102.00	10.00		60.00		18.75		108.91	9.49	89.33	412.68
Haymeadow	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	84.30	14.60		72.00		46.05		400.00		25.00	552.00
Knobbs	Garfield Key, Traphill	55.00			102.00				1,000.00			1,863.25
Maple Grove	C. C. Blevins, Hays.	493.23	31.50		50.00		149.65	86.87			10.00	277.23
Mount Pisgah	Bruce Billings, Dockery	149.50	52.16				15.57				97.60	209.05
Mount Zion.	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River	73.75			78.00		37.70		300.00			720.86
Mountain Valley	John Adams, Wilkesboro, R1.	274.01	57.20	11.65				15.00				550.87
Mountain View	C. E. Billings, Hays.	441.80	58.30		16.70		35.77		54.25		4.00	185.80
New Light	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River	100.00	2.25				8.60					75.00
Oak Grove.	Not represented.											3,664.04
Piney Grove.	W. F. Bowers, Abshers.	75.00										2,261.74
Pleasant Ridge.	C. W. Luffman, State Road.	489.77	201.16		90.00		90.36	48.55	2,683.30	38.40	22.50	567.12
Pleasant View	G. A. Chambers, State Road.	823.33	803.96		218.25	258.90	55.99			92.31	9.00	100.00
Roaring Gap	Mrs. W. R. DeJournette, Traphill	189.98	104.11		41.60		79.12	93.97			58.34	197.00
Rock Springs	A. V. Hall, Halls Mills.	50.00			50.00							270.25
Stony Ridge.	C. W. Billings, Lomax	100.00			50.00		25.00	22.00		18.49	15.40	369.00
Traphill	Mrs. D. C. Casteys, Traphill	171.96	15.60		34.70		14.10				160.00	329.63
Union.	Frank Huffman, Reddies River	132.00	32.00		45.00							
Walnut Grove	Mrs. Arliss Caudill, Springfield	141.97	21.00		101.00		27.58				38.08	
TOTALS		5,475.55	2,990.65	11.65	1,273.13	258.90	1,018.36	468.48	10,546.46	176.19	882.65	23,102.02

TABLE IV: GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total Gifts for All Purposes
Baptist Home	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro, R1							56.26	10.00	200.00	266.26	7,266.26
Benham	Mrs. Mamie Smith, Benham							17.50	18.59		36.09	408.31
Bethel	J. G. Chipman, N. Wilkesboro, R2							13.72	9.30		23.02	518.09
Chestnut Grove	Connie Haynes, Reddies River, R1							6.02	8.00		14.02	147.79
Dehart	L. O. Handy, Hays								14.05		14.05	121.55
Elk Spur	Hardin Royal, Traphill								4.25		4.25	168.80
Fairplain	Clate Duncan, N. Wilkesboro, R1				39.82			155.95	23.90		219.67	2,299.31
Flint Hill	Mrs. Russell Absher, N. Wilkesboro, R1								19.50		19.50	163.25
Haymeadow	L. H. Sebastian, Hays								9.49		9.49	422.17
Knobbs	C. S. Lyon, Traphill								20.00		20.00	572.00
Maple Grove	A. C. Yale, Hays		6.31	16.00				147.78	23.14	100.00	366.23	2,229.48
Mount Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery					73.00		10.00	10.61	8.00	40.61	317.84
Mount Zion	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River					12.00			10.00		10.00	219.05
Mountain Valley	Graton T. Foster, Reddies River, R1	2.92			19.65				25.00		47.57	768.43
Mountain View	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays			25.00				30.00	30.57		85.57	636.44
New Light	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River								16.24		16.24	202.04
Oak Grove	Not represented											
Piney Grove	H. J. Spicer, Abshers									6.00	6.00	81.00
Pleasant Ridge	Hubert Martin, State Road	14.00		26.24	15.93	12.50		98.94	29.00	8.70	205.31	3,869.35
Pleasant View	Lonnie D. Crabb, State Road								42.50		42.50	2,304.24
Roaring Gap	W. R. DeJournette, Traphill						10.00	25.57	25.00		60.57	627.69
Rock Springs	A. V. Hall, Halls Mills											100.00
Stony Ridge	C. W. Billings, Lomax							20.00	18.00		38.00	235.00
Traphill	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill				3.50	8.00			12.25		30.05	300.30
Union	Evan Colvard, Wilbar	15.00						44.17	25.00		84.17	453.17
Walnut Grove	Pauline P. Handy, Springfield								10.00		10.00	339.63
TOTALS		31.92	6.31	67.24	78.90	105.50	10.00	638.16	408.44	322.70	1,669.17	24,771.19

MINUTES
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HELD WITH
Fairplains Baptist Church
R. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
September 23, 24, 1949

GLENN DANCY, Moderator.....North Wilkesboro, N. C.

JASPER G. CHIPMAN, Clerk.....R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

The next session will be held with Maple Grove Baptist Church, two miles north of Hays, N. C., on the Traphill road, September 22 and 23, 1950. Introductory sermon by Rev. Clate Brown; alternate, Rev. M. L. Blevins.

DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

V. W. Luffman	Pleasant Ridge
G. B. Crabbe	Traphill
W. P. Bell	Pleasant View
J. G. Mayberry	Bethel

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Troy Perry	Mountain View
Clate Duncan	Fairplains
J. T. Holloway	Mt. Pisgah
L. W. Shumate	Mountain Valley
H. H. Warren	Roaring Gap
Mac Pruitt	Walnut Grove

PASTORS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. F. Absher	Kannapolis
B. H. Barker	Roaring River
Ernest Blevins	Hays
Hillery Blevins	Hays
J. A. Blevins	Hays
Minter L. Blevins	Hays
S. L. Blevins	Hays
T. E. Blevins	Absher
Clate Brown	Oakwood
J. W. Brown	Abshers
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Hubert Bullis	North Wilkesboro
John Burcham	Roaring River
Marvin Burcham	Elkin
Albert Byrd	North Wilkesboro
Willis Byrd	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
C. M. Caudill	Hays
Major Caudill	Springfield
S. T. Childress	Hillsville, Va.
Carl Cockerham	Roaring River
David Cockerham	Elkin
W. F. Cooper	Traphill
G. W. Curry	Traphill
E. E. Douglas	McGrady
Roy Franklin	Hays
A. L. Gambill	Moxley
Uriah Hanks	Springfield
A. B. Hayes	Hays
J. E. Hayes	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
J. G. Huffman	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
A. A. Johnson	Hays
Lester Johnson	Hays
John Kilby	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
W. B. Luffman	Route 2, North Wilkesboro
O. B. Mayberry	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
D. C. Miller	Hays
Ernest Miller	Hays
George Osborne	Cricket
G. W. Prevette	Roaring River
Gar Pruitt	Springfield
Charlie Richardson	Route 2, North Wilkesboro
L. E. Sparks	Moxley
A. A. Staley	Reddies River
Clifford Vestal	Jonesville
Woodrow Wishon	State Road
Banner Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Jesse Yale	North Wilkesboro

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

- 1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.
- 3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.
- 4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.
- 5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.
- 6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.
- 7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.
- 8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.
- 9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.
- 10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.
- 11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.
- 12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
- 13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.
6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
8. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its fifty-third annual session at 10:00 A. M., September 23, 1949, at Fairplains Baptist Church.

Songs, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

Prayer, Rev. Edd Hayes.

Devotional, Rev. Clate Brown reading I Corinthians 13, followed by prayer led by Rev. Brown.

Sermon, Rev. Woodrow Wishon using for a text a portion of Matthew 17. Subject, "Hearing the Voice of Jesus."

Association called to order by the Moderator, J. A. Gilliam.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Moderator called for Associational letters. A total of 26 were received. On motion reading of letters was dispensed with.

On motion by Rev. S. L. Blevins, John McGrady, C. C. Gambill and W. B. Beamon were appointed as Nominating Committee to nominate Moderator and Clerk.

Committee retired to select nominees.

Song, "Alas, and Did My Saviour Bleed."

Visitors Recognized: Dr. John T. Wayland, Pastor First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro; Earl Pearson, Missionary; W. T. Whittington, Zeb Baker from China Grove, Dr. Duncan, Historian from Brushy Mountain Association; Fred Bell from Baptist Hospital; J. C. Pipes of the State Board; Mr. and Mrs. Knapp; Mr. and Mrs. Fender of the Alleghany Association.

Song, "Are You Washed In the Blood?"

Nominating Committee reported Glenn Dancy Moderator and Rev. Minter Blevins Clerk. Brother Blevins asked to be excused from serving as clerk. Brother A. C. Yale nominated Jasper Chipman as Clerk and made motion that the Association make the election of Glenn Dancy moderator and Jasper Chipman clerk, unanimous. Motion carried.

The new Moderator appointed Rev. S. L. Blevins, Rev. Clate Brown and Bro. I. H. Sebastian as a board of advisors to the Moderator.

Rev. Jesse Yale, Iredell Elledge and Lyman Shepherd were appointed Finance Committee.

J. C. Pipes announced a book, "North Carolina for Christ," by M. A. Huggins, also offered some for sale.

The Moderator made a count of ministers and wives, also of deacons present, finding 17 ministers, 3 wives and 18 deacons.

Fred Bell made a very interesting talk on the Baptist Hospital.

Song, "Tell It to Jesus Alone."

Adjourned for dinner with prayer by Walter Whittington.

1:30 P. M. Song, "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus."

Prayer, Rev. Minter Blevins.

Rev. Hillery Blevins made a short but very touching talk in honor of our past Moderator, Brother J. A. Gilliam.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Resolutions Committee—John McGrady of Baptist Home and L. M. Higgins of Elk Spur.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher—A. C. Yale, Maple Grove; Odell Whittington, Union; Will Gamble, Walnut Grove.

Committee for Consideration of Full Time Associational Worker—C. C. Blevins, C. C. Gambill, Evan Colvard. A very interesting discussion of this subject was also given by members of the committee.

The following report on Missions was adopted by motion:

MISSIONS

The word "missions" when used in connection with the Baptist Church has a very broad meaning. We must not surmise that missions

means only work done far away from our home. There is enough missionary work needing to be done, in our own community, to challenge the best there is in us.

If we are true Christians we must face the challenge of being a missionary right where we are. The teachings of our Master throw the gauntlet before our Christian lives. But, we must not confine the Kingdom work to our own community.

There are many Christian frontiers yet unexplored. Our Master has charged us with bringing about these explorations by spreading His gospel over the entire world. We know no more systematic way of performing this task than to give of our money, prayers, and support to the cooperative program of the Southern Baptist.

For whosoever will call on the name of Lord shall be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

WILMER WOODRUFF

MRS J. S. GREGORY,

H. E. BLEVINS

A very interesting and informative talk on missions was delivered by Brother J. C. Pipes.

The following report on Christian Education was adopted by motion:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is a cooperative effort between the home, the home church, the school, the church near the school, and the denomination to give to youth an opportunity to become not only intelligent citizens, but also intelligent Christian citizens. We recognize our omniscient God as the true source of all life and knowledge of life. He gives the moral and spiritual balance to otherwise over-balanced physical and mental development in human life. Lopsided individuals build a lopsided society. Paul said to Timothy in II Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." We fear most the things we do not understand. Education conquers fear; religion gives us power; love and a sound mind direct that power into the channels that bring the most and greatest benefits to human life.

Very rarely can a Christian school make something of a young person when the home and the church have already failed. There must be a renewed effort made to fill our home life with a faithful attention to prayer and to God's Word, and more real living in obedience to the teachings of that Word. Only God can make a Christian, and our homes cannot be Christian when God is ruled out. Likewise, must the church in the local community hold a place of great responsibility in the full development of the life of the student. That church needs vision and grace to develop an adequate program of Christian education through worthy study of the Bible, genuine worship of God, and consecrated Christian service that will gain and hold the life under its influence. The school and the church near the campus must create such a bond of mutual respect and cooperation with the student, his home, and his home church, that the student will be happy to take his place of responsibility as a Christian citizen in his home community when his school days are over.

Our denomination is doing at least two things to make this ideal a reality.

First, it is sponsoring church related schools. Our Baptist schools in North Carolina are Wake Forest, Mars Hill, Meredith, Campbell, Wingate, Gardner-Webb, Chowan, and the schools of Medicine and Nursing at our Baptist Hospital.

Second, it is sponsoring a Division of Student Work, under the direction of James W. Ray, Secretary. This division of our State Convention fosters the Baptist Student Union work, known as B. S. U.

Let us pray that every Baptist church in our state will become informed about our great program of Christian Education, and will respond to its challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. HAYES
C. C. BLEVINS

Remarks by Rev. A. B. Hayes, C. C. Blevins, Evan Colvard, Mrs. V. W. Luffman and Rev. George Curry.

On motion the following report on periodicals was adopted:

PERIODICALS

One of the great needs of our people is that they be informed, trained and enlisted in the whole program of the Church and the Kingdom of God, and we feel that periodicals such as The Biblical Recorder and other Baptist literature can be of immense value in this great cause. They can be a comrade and helper in every Baptist home and church in North Carolina and will do much for the support of every cause dear to the hearts of our people. We would follow the injunction of Paul to Timothy: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

A. C. YALE
VERNON WOODRUFF
I. H. SEBASTIAN

Rev. S. L. Blevins asked Mrs. Wiley Brooks, Mrs. Larry Brookshire and Mrs. Henry Hayes to act as a committee to arrange the devotional service for Saturday.

Song, "Are You Washed in the Blood."

On motion the following report on Old Ministers' Relief was adopted:

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

The Ministers' Relief and Retirement is a plan for saving something for the time when our ministers are no longer able to continue their work so some income may be provided for them. The plan began in 1940. In North Carolina we have about 580 members. Already we have 58 ministers who have retired and who are receiving this annuity.

The minister who wishes to participate contributes 4% of his salary, his church contributes 4% of his salary and the Convention adds to this. The church does not contribute to its pastor personally, but contributes to the plan and the benefits are shared by all participants in the plan. Ministers may start participating late in their ministry, but their annuities will be determined on the basis of the five best financial years of their ministry after they become participants.

The relief fund of the Relief and Retirement Plan provides a small amount for those who need it and were well advanced in age when the Retirement Plan was established.

Any minister who would like to have an assured income out yonder in the future would do well to become a member of this plan. And the church should consider it a privilege to do its part in contributing to this plan so our ministers may be assured of financial comfort in their declining years.

S. L. BLEVINS
MRS. JOHN R. JONES

Comment by Rev. S. L. Blevins.

Song, "There's a Great Day Coming."

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. George Curry.

SATURADAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 10:00 A. M.

Songs, "How Firm a Foundation," "Stand Up for Jesus."

Prayer, Brother Warren Norman.

Devotional, Rev. S. L. Blevins, using the fifteenth chapter of John.

Prayer, Rev. Clate Brown.

On motion the following report on Sunday Schools was adopted:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

In studying the record of Sunday Schools in the Stone Mountain Association we find many variations in number of Sunday Schools reporting, in enrollment, in baptisms, and in amounts given to missions. Sometimes these variations indicate progress and sometimes just the opposite.

In 1945, 16 churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 1,321, 89 baptisms and \$2,126.64 given to missions. In May of this year 24 churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 2,094, 73 baptisms, and gifts to missions of \$1,309.71.

The purpose of a Sunday School, as I understand it, is to teach the Bible and the way of salvation to those who come to church; through the Cradle Roll and Extension Department to extend this teaching to those in the community who cannot attend Sunday School; and, through our gifts to missions, to help in spreading this teaching to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Could it be that somewhere along the line we are failing to realize our responsibilities and use our opportunities?

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN

MRS. W. R. DeJOURNETTE

H. H. WARREN

Mrs. Winfrey Luffman gave a very interesting talk on Sunday Schools, followed by remarks from Rev. John Burcham.

On motion the following Orphanage Report was adopted:

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Baptist Orphanage was founded for the purpose of caring for orphan children and is supported by the Baptists of North Carolina.

At this orphanage the children are not only educated and trained to help themselves and carry on the work of this world, but they are trained to carry on the work of the Master.

The Orphanage owns and efficiently operates its own farm and produces a large portion of the food that is required for so large a family, yet it is not and cannot be self supporting but needs the help and assistance of every Baptist in North Carolina. As population grows so does the requirements of this orphanage and their needs increase and are greater from year to year.

As the Lord has blessed us in a very special way to take care of our own children, we, your committee, recommend that we continue to help this orphanage in every way possible; by an offering once a month, by a Thanksgiving offering and by donations of produce, canned fruits and clothing. Let us give God praise by helping those of which Jesus said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

MRS. GLENN DANCY

MRS. RICHARD BEAMON

Committee.

A very interesting and enlightening message on the Mills Home Baptist Orphanage was brought by J. D. Fraley.

On motion the following Women's Missionary Union report was adopted:

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

The purpose of a Women's Missionary Union is to distribute missionary literature and stimulate missionary effort; to secure the earnest, sympathetic cooperation of women and young people in giving and collecting money for missions. To this end we would enlist and develop our women and young people in the practice of the following fundamentals: Prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible and world missions, tithes and offerings, community missions and missionary education of young people.

May we study missions, give to missions, and pray for missions with all our being while we have time and opportunity here in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALKER W. LUFFMAN

MRS. W. W. CALLAWAY

Mrs. Walker Luffman followed this report with a very interesting talk.

On motion the Association adopted the following report:

CHURCH AND PASTOR RELATIONS

The relationship between pastor and church has been essentially the same for more than a generation and there is room for improvement. It appears that this relationship can be improved in our rural churches more by the efforts of the layman rather than by the pastors. It appears that the pastors are doing all they can in the limited time they have, but we church members are not doing our share.

We may improve the Church and Pastor relations, if we so wish, by two means.

First: By sincere prayer.

Second: By making it possible for our pastors to have more time for study, more time for meditation and more time to visit. We believe that God's cause would be strengthened were this made possible. Our pastors cannot now do this due to the fact that most of them must toil six days in the week at some gainful employment in order to support themselves and their families. Most of them do not even murmur or grumble about this condition but accept it as part of the privilege of being God's servant. These men of God, like Paul, remember us in their prayers, they console us and pray with us in sorrow and trouble, they bury our dead, they perform the marriage of our sons and daughters, they preach to us each Sunday, yet we do very little towards their bodily support.

We are told in God's word that the preachers are "Just a little lower than the angels." If we believe this should we not make a little more effort to increase their salaries and donations? We, your committee, believe this to be true and we so recommend this to the Association.

GLENN DANCY

J. C. KILBY

H. J. TURNER

Committee.

Remarks by Evan Colvard, W. M. Pruitt, Clate Brown, S. L. Blevins.

Dismissed for noon with prayer by Rev. Glenn Huffman.

1:30 P. M. Song, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand."

Prayer, Rev. L. E. Sparks.

At this time the committee appointed to select an Associational worker gave the following report which was adopted on motion and was discussed further by Evan Colvard, Rev. Edd Hayes, C. C. Blevins, Rev. Glenn Huffman and C. C. Gambill:

We, the Committee on Associational Worker, recommend: That

the Stone Mountain Association go on record approving an Associational worker in cooperation with the State Mission Board.

We further recommend that if a qualified person in our midst can be found that they be offered the place, and that the Association appoint a committee and authorize them to represent the Association in selecting and employing a worker.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. GAMBILL

C. C. BLEVINS

EVAN COLVARD

The committee also asked the Moderator to appoint a committee from each church to investigate their own churches sentiments about an Associational worker, whereupon the Moderator appointed the delegates from each church to get this information and report back to one of the members of the committee on an Associational worker.

On motion the following report on Resolutions was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to bow to the will of God, who does all things well.

We wish to express our sympathy to the families and churches of our beloved dead.

We wish to thank Fairplains Baptist Church and entire community for their kindness and generous hospitality.

JOHN McGRADY

L. M. HIGGINS

Committee.

On motion the following report on Temperance was adopted:

TEMPERANCE REPORT

For fifty year the Stone Mountain Association has met in annual session, and at each session we have adopted resolutions and viewed with alarm the evils of strong drink, but what have we done or are now doing towards curbing a situation that is almost intolerable, when men can engage in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors almost openly—carry it over our highways in high powered cars in defiance of all laws. It's high time the churches and Christian people take steps looking towards putting a stop to a bad situation. We have plenty of laws if enforced to drive the makers and dispensers of intoxicating liquors from our borders. Who is responsible for the law not being enforced? The church and Christian people largely. We sit with folded hands and let the lawless element choose our officers and map the policy of enforcement. It behooves us to look the disgraceful facts square in the face, and as good citizens stand together and elect men to office that favor law and order. If the Christian people take such steps we will have law and order.

C. C. GAMBILL

Discussed by Odell Whittington, S. L. Blevins, C. C. Gambill and W. M. Pruitt.

The Association was closed with a handshake with the preaching brethren and a pledge to pray for the Association and to work together for the good of all with the singing of the following songs:

"I feel Like Travelling On."

"In the Sweet By and By."

There was also a last minute word from Brother Jesse Yale, and a short talk from Rev. George Curry on Love and Cooperation.

Benediction by Rev. Jesse Yale.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Minute fund received from churches	\$80.80
Associational offering for minute fund	24.10
Received for Ministers' Relief:	
From Stony Ridge Church	7.56
From Piney Grove Church	5.00
Received from Piney Grove Church for Hospital	10.00
Total receipts	<u>\$127.46</u>
Paid to:	
M. A. Huggins for Old Ministers' Relief	\$12.56
Baptist Hospital	10.00
Carter-Hubbard Publishing Co. for minutes.....	82.00
Postage and Incidentals	22.90
Total Expenditures	<u>\$127.46</u>

TRAINING UNION REPORT

Baptist Home—Miss Nancy Prevette, R. 1, North Wilkesboro, Director; Junior Unions, 1; Intermediate Unions, 1; Young Peoples Unions, 1; Adult Unions, 1; Grand Total Unions, 4; Juniors enrolled, 15; Intermediate Enrolled, 12; Young People Enrolled, 15; Adults Enrolled, 13.

Roaring Gap—Mrs. Marie Royal, Thurmand, Director; Junior Unions, 1; Young Peoples Unions, 1; Adult Unions, 1; Grand Total Unions, 3. Juniors Enrolled, 10; Young People Enrolled, 40; Adults Enrolled, 12; Grand Total Enrolled, 65.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

Baptist Home—Mrs. Wade H. Barlow, R. 1, North Wilkesboro, President. Enrollment, 33; Tithers, 2.

Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Odessa Luffman, State Road, President. Enrollment, 20; Tithers, 1.

STATE OF CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism	291
Received by Letter and Otherwise.....	122
Total Gain	<u>413</u>
Lost by Death, Transfer, etc.	<u>101</u>
Net Gain	312

DELEGATES

Baptist Home—John McGrady, I. F. Elledge, B. H. Wood.
 Benham—Ernest Byrd, E. W. Smith, Virgil Settle.
 Bethel—Olen Rhodes, Lewis Rhodes, Jasper Chipman
 Chestnut Grove—Mrs. Dacy Haynes, Lonnie Haynes, Juddy Key.
 Dehart—O. C. Rhodes, W. R. Handy, Dennis Walker.
 Elk Spur—Quincie Royal, Everette Hicks, L. M. Higgins.
 Fairplains—C. C. Gambill, Arthur Warren, Burt Watson.
 Flint Hill—D. V. Brown, Dwight Anderson, J. I. Roland.
 Haymeadow—I. H. Sebastian, D. M. Cleary, C. W. Dillard.
 Knobbs—Barney Crabb, Raymond McCann, Brady Cheek.
 Maple Grove—Alfred Brown, C. C. Blevins, A. C. Yale.
 Mt. Pisgah—L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher, Thurmond Holloway.

Mt. Zion—L. H. Shumate, R. C. Dancy, J. F. Wyatt.
 Mountain Valley—Lewis Adams, J. C. Kilby, G. T. Foster.
 Mountain View—Vernon Woodruff, N. P. Myers, Rev. A. A. Johnson.
 New Light—Clifton Prevette, W. E. Parks, R. V. Garris.
 Oak Grove—Noah Griffin, Sarah Owens, Meadie Griffin.
 Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, Challie Huie, J. W. Huie.
 Pleasant Ridge—Odessa Luffman, Tom Walsh, D. N. Martin.
 Pleasant View—Warren Norman, Ray Simmons, Johnny Williamson.
 Roaring Gap—W. R. DeJournette, Marie Royal, Ervin Lyon.
 Rock Springs—A. V. Hall, Gilbert Handy, W. M. Absher.
 Stony Ridge—A. B. Crabbe, C. W. Billings, Sankie Wiles.
 Traphill—Mrs. D. C. Castevens, Claude Brown, Mrs. Roy Billings.
 Union—Odell Whittington, Frank Huffman, Ben Johnson.
 Walnut Grove—Major Caudill, W. M. Pruitt, Will Gambill.

OUR DEAD

Baptist Home—Mr. G. W. Adams.
 Fairplains—Mrs. Betty Brooks, Mr. Jimmie Collins.
 Haymeadow—Mr. John Dillard.
 Knobbs—Mrs. Vica Lyon.
 Mount Pisgah—Mr. Southford Privette.
 Mount Zion—Mr. J. A. Long.
 Mountain Valley—Mrs. Lelia Jennings.
 Oak Grove—Mr. J. R. Owens.
 Piney Grove—Mr. Daniel Wadell, Mrs. Sally Ann Holbrook,
 Mrs. Annie Hutchinson Bell, Mr. Presley Yates.
 Pleasant View—Mr. William Logan, Mrs. Betty Gregory.
 Roaring Gap—Deacon R. M. Collins, Mrs. Florence Gentry.
 Rock Springs—Mr. Calvin Taylor.
 Union—Mrs. Dinah Staley.
 Walnut Grove—Deacon Wiley M. Gambill.



TABLE A—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location—OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES					Baptisms	Letters & Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held
Baptist Home.....	OC	1880	2 & 4	S. L. Blevins, Hays	3	3	4	171	1				
Benham.....	OC	1917	2	Marvin Burcham, Elkin	26	9	8	203	1				
Bethel.....	OC	1887	2	Ernest Blevins, Hays	9	6	3	196	1				
Chestnut Grove.....	OC	1900	3	Lester Johnson, Hays				80	1				
Dehart.....	OC	1879	2	Major Caudill, Springfield	14	5		124	1				
Elk Spur.....	OC	1900	2	Hillery Blevins, Hays	8	5		69	1				
Fairplains.....	V	1905	3	Clate Brown, R. 2, Wilkesboro	40	9	11	360	2				
Flint Hill.....	OC	1902	3	Charlie Richardson, R. 2, North Wilkesboro	42	14		262	3				
Haymeadow.....	OC	1905	1 & 3	D. C. Miller, Hays	7	2	6	191	1				
Knobs.....	OC	1906	2 & 4	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	22	1	4	117	1				
Maple Grove.....	OC	1932	1	Hillery Blevins, Hays	2	7	7	197	1				
Mount Pisgah.....	OC	1879	1	Clifford Vestal, Jonesville	4		2	104	1				
Mount Zion.....	OC	1898	4	D. C. Miller, Hays	4	1	1	79	2				
Mountain Valley.....	OC	1902	2 & 4	W. B. Luffman, R. 2, North Wilkesboro	4	3	2	129	1				
Mountain View.....	V	1912	2 & 4	Glenn Huffman, North Wilkesboro	4	16	3	82	1				
New Light.....	OC	1899	2	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	9	1	1	121	1				
Oak Grove.....	OC	1905	4	Wilson Brown, Wilkesboro	14		4	158	2				
Piney Grove.....	OC	1888	4	Arthur Gambill, L. E. Sparks, Moxley	1	1		231	1				
Pleasant Ridge.....	OC	1907	1	S. L. Blevins, Hays	14	16	6	137	2				
Pleasant View.....	OC	1944	2 & 4	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	29	12	5	222	2				
Roaring Gap.....	OC	1901	3	M. L. Blevins, Springfield	2	2	2	145	1				
Rock Springs.....	OC	1904	2	C. W. Bryant, North Wilkesboro	9			100	1				
Stony Ridge.....	OC	1905	3	L. E. Sparks, Moxley					1				
Traphill.....	V	1889	1	Ernest Blevins, Hays	9		5	69	1				
Union.....	OC	1912	3	Glenn Huffman, North Wilkesboro	9	4	1	157	2				
Walnut Grove.....	OC	1902	1	M. L. Blevins, Springfield	19	5	10	287	1				

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT											V. B. S.		
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Officers Not Counted	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance
Baptist Home.....	Wade H. Barlow, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....		6	9	10	15	20	25	67		15	167	100		
Benham.....	J. D. Luffman, Ronda.....			23	24			67	23			4	151	94	
Bethel.....	M. A. Miller, Hays.....			30	15	20	30	50	50		8	203	115		
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Reddies River.....			12	4	12	5		12		5	50	30		
Dehart.....	W. R. Handy, McGrady.....		13			10		11	12			46			
Elk Spur.....	Not Reported.....			20	10				20		5	55	40		
Fairplains.....	Bruce Dearman, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	56		33	28	32	43	23	108		12	279	200	80	76
Flint Hill.....	Luie T. Blackburn, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....			35	30	27	28	46	35		7	208	100		
Haymeadow.....	V. M. Harrold, Hays.....			16	9	16	17	8	29			95			
Knobbs.....	R. S. Dameron, Traphill.....			25	20	9			31		5	90	50		
Maple Grove.....	Glenn Dancy, Sr., North Wilkesboro.....			5	38		30	25	30		2	120	72		
Mount Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery.....		10	5	4	9	10	9	10		8	65	35		
Mount Zion.....	L. W. Shumate, Reddies River.....					8			25		2	35	26		
Mountain Valley.....	Gordon T. Foster, Reddies River.....			9	10	12	18	32	17			98			
Mountain View.....	Vernon Woodruff, Hays.....			15		20	25	35	35			95	56		
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....		4	5	10	8		22	22		4	53			
Oak Grove.....	Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar.....				6	2		6	6			20	24		
Piney Grove.....	Challie Huie, Moxley.....				5		8	17	14		6	60	35		
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. W. Carter, State Road.....		9	13	13	25	15	24	78	11	13	201	130	80	74
Pleasant View.....	Harvey Hanes, State Road.....				24	32	30	42	60			188	130		
Roaring Gap.....	W. W. Calloway, Thurmond.....	5	23	15	15	39	30		30		4	116	82		
Rock Springs.....	Gilbert Hamby, Halls Mill.....		4	6	4	14	10	8			4	50	18		
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill.....				10	15	15	25			6	83	50		
Traphill.....	Glenn Brown, Traphill.....		5			15			11		4	35			
Union.....	Odell Whittington, Reddies River.....		8	10	12	20	25		20			75	60		
Walnut Grove.....	Will Gamble, Springfield.....			20		20	25		20			65	60		

TABLE C—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Funds on Hand Beginning of Year	Total Gifts Recorded All Offerings and Organizations	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Other Salaries	Maintenance Church Property	New Buildings	Literature, Sons Books, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenditures
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	\$1,400	\$4,000	\$500	\$ 30	\$ 75	\$14,000	\$171	\$213	\$145		\$65	\$15,168
Benham.....	C. B. Settle, Benham.....			289			151	48		102			620
Bethel.....	Jasper G. Chipman, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro.....	259	922	209	18	10		49	40	33			358
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Reddies River.....			113				18	5	18		4	108
Dehart.....	L. O. Handy, Hayes.....			94						62			156
Elk Spur.....	H. J. Royall, Traphill.....			113				1					114
Fairplains.....	Clate Duncan, N. Wilkesboro.....		276	926	180	1,861		231		162			3,361
Flint Hill.....	Russel Absher, N. Wilkesboro.....	97	500	167	27			82	150	174		40	643
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays.....	178		82			137	72		41		23	534
Knobs.....	M. G. Key, Traphill.....	25		40	35				11		\$420	37	577
Maple Grove.....	C. C. Blevins, Hays.....	2,213	5,750	487			4,318	66	135	105	550	52	5,514
Mount Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, Dockery.....			102		146		59		40			347
Mount Zion.....	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River.....			123		13		21		60		20	236
Mountain Valley.....	Sylvian Kilby, R. 1, Wilkesboro.....	32	552	238		65	1,235	73		116			1,727
Mountain View.....	C. E. Billings, Hays.....		1,535	650		58		58	89	81		312	1,248
New Light.....	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River.....	70	242	100						71			171
Oak Grove.....	Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar.....							5					94
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Bowers, Abshers.....			75				19					
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Wilsie Draughn, State Road.....	3,165	3,983	429	150	120		88	22	144		44	998
Pleasant View.....	G. A. Chambers, State Road.....	559	3,035	964		1,505		161	226	91		134	3,031
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. W. R. DeJournette, Traphill.....		2,152	361		101		74	53	295		192	1,077
Rock Springs.....	A. V. Hall, Halls Mill.....	15	213	50		28				120			198
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billings, Lomax.....	55		100				55		57		15	227
Traphill.....	Mrs. D. C. Castevens, Traphill.....			215				12		43		10	279
Union.....	Hank Huffman, Reddies River.....			200				30	42	78		20	370
Walnut Grove.....	Mrs. Arliss Caudill, Springfield.....	49	605	221		117						101	438

TABLE D—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)										Grand Total for All Purposes	Balance All Funds
		Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Hospitals Designated to	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total for All Purposes		
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, R. 1, North Wilkesboro..						\$ 23	\$ 44	\$ 65	\$142	\$1,241	.....	
Benham.....	Mamie Smith, Benham.....							10			630	\$1,601	
Bethel.....	Jasper G. Chipman, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro						30	30		60	418	862	
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Reddies River.....						2	3			162	53	
Dehart.....	L. O. Handy, Hays.....												
Elk Spur.....	H. J. Royal, Traphill.....							9				276	
Fairplains.....	Clate Duncan, North Wilkesboro.....						111	83		219	3,580	165	
Flint Hill.....	Thurmond Rateliff, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro			\$ 12	\$ 13			20			663		
Haymeadow.....	I. H. Sebastian, Hays.....						17	10		27	561		
Knobs.....	L. S. Lyons, Traphill.....						10	16		26	503		
Maple Grove.....	A. C. Yale, Hays.....	\$45					176	22		236	5,750		
Mount Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery.....						10	5	10	25	372		
Mount Zion.....	L. H. Smith, R. 1, Reddies River.....						15				251		
Mountain Valley.....	Gordon T. Foster, R. 1, Reddies River.....											32	
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays.....	\$ 25					35	35		95	1,343	192	
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....							11			132		
Oak Grove.....	Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar.....										5		
Piney Grove.....	H. J. Spicer, Absher.....			5				10	16		210		
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. Y. Hutchison, Elkin.....	\$ 9	5				84	15	10	122	1,120	6,108	
Pleasant View.....	Lonnie Crabb, State Road.....		18	23			35	20		96	3,176	418	
Roaring Gap.....	W. R. DeJournette, Traphill.....						31	30		61	1,138	1,075	
Rock Springs.....	A. V. Hall, Halls Mill.....										198		
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill.....												
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill.....			5			18	20	8		46	273	
Union.....	Evan Colvard, Wilbar.....	35					11	9		30	309	90	
Walnut Grove.....	Pauline P. Handy, Springfield.....						77	25		137	507	147	
								51		111	599	50	

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**Stone Mountain
Baptist Association**

**HELD WITH
Maple Grove Baptist Church
Hays, N. C.**

September 22, 23, 1950

**GLENN DANCY, Moderator..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
JASPER G. CHIPMAN, Clerk.....R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.**

The next session will be held with Walnut Grove Baptist Church of Springfield, N. C., on Friday, September 21, and with Union Baptist Church, Wilbar, N. C., on Saturday, September 22, 1951. Introductory sermon by Rev. S. L. Blevins; alternate, Rev. Edd Hayes.

DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

C. C. Gambill	Fairplains
Claude Billings	Mountain View
Lonnie Billings	Mt. Pisgah
Clifton Prevette	New Light

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Bruce Dearman	Fairplains
B. W. Carter	Pleasant Ridge
R. S. Dameron	Knobbs
Joncie Spicer	Piney Grove
Odell Whittington	Union

PASTORS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

James Adams	Benham
Jesse Adams	North Wilkesboro
B. H. Barker	Roaring River
Ernest Blevins	Hays
Hillery Blevins	Hays
J. A. Blevins	Hays
Minter L. Blevins	Hays
S. L. Blevins	Hays
T. E. Blevins	Abshers
Clate Brown	Oakwoods
J. W. Brown	Abshers
Watson Bryant	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
John Burcham	Roaring River
Marvin Burcham	Elkin
Albert Byrd	North Wilkesboro
Willis Byrd	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
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Major Caudill	Springfield
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David Cockerham	Elkin
W. F. Cooper	Traphill
G. W. Curry	Traphill
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Roy Franklin	Hays
A. L. Gambill	Moxley
Uriah Hanks	Springfield
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J. E. Hayes	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
J. T. Hendrix	Hays
Grant Hincer	Hays
Raymond Hodge	Traphill
J. G. Huffman	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
A. A. Johnson	Hays
Lester Johnson	Hays
M. G. Key	Traphill
John Kilby	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
W. B. Luffman	Route 2, North Wilkesboro
Amos Lyons	Benham
O. B. Mayberry	Route 1, North Wilkesboro
D. C. Miller	Hays

Ernest Miller	Hays
Grant Miller	Wilbar
Warren Norman	Mountain Park
George Osborne	Cricket
Iredell Osborne	Cricket
G. W. Prevette	Roaring River
Albert Pruitt	North Wilkesboro
Gar Pruitt	Elkin
Charlie Richardson	Route 2, North Wilkesboro
Thurmond Ratlitt	North Wilkesboro
L. E. Sparks	Moxley
Arlie Simmons	Thurmond
A. A. Staley	Reddies River
Woodrow Wishon	State Road
Banner Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Odell Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Jesse Yale	North Wilkesboro

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee

to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring; the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met Friday and Saturday, September 22nd and 23rd, 1950, in its fifty-fourth annual session, with Maple Grove Baptist Church.

Song by congregation, "Brethren, we Have Met to Worship."

Devotional exercise by Rev. W. A. Eichelberger, from the American Sunday School Union, included a short talk on "Our Blessed Heritage," with a text from I Timothy 2:15, and prayer.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Sermon by Rev. Clate Brown, using for a text I Peter 1:15-16, with the subject, "Why I Am a Baptist."

Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

Association called to order by Moderator, Glenn Dancy, who announced that he would no longer be a candidate for moderator and called Rev. Minter Blevins to the chair as moderator pro-tem for the election of officers.

House opened for nominations for moderator and clerk.

Glenn Dancy was nominated for moderator and Jasper G. Chipman was nominated for clerk, there being no other nominations. Motion was made to close nominations. Motion carried.

A standing vote was taken and Glenn Dancy and Jasper G. Chipman were unanimously reelected for moderator and clerk. Rev. Minter Blevins was also unanimously reelected for associational field worker.

Moderator called for associational letters and a total of 26 were received. On motion reading of letters was dispensed with.

A count of ministers and their wives was made and there was found to be 21 ministers and 5 wives present. At this time the following visitors were recognized:

Earl Bradley, from Raleigh, representing the Baptist Hospital; J. C. Canipe, from Hendersonville; W. K. McGee; W. H. Kendall, from Mars Hill; C. W. Basemore, from the Biblical Recorder; Rev. Eller, moderator of Brushy Mountain Association; Rev. J. T. Hendrix, moderator Stony Fork Association.

Earl Bradley made an interesting and very informative talk on the new addition to the Baptist Hospital.

The following finance committee was appointed by the moderator:

John McGrady, Arlie Myers, R. S. Dameron.

Rev. Glenn Huffman announced a school for preachers being held each Monday at the First Baptist Church in Wilkesboro and extended an invitation to all preachers. Rev. J. C. Canipe made a short talk on the Fruitland school for preachers.

Two young Baptist ministers, Rev. Grant Miller from Reddies River and Rev. Arlie Simmons from Thurmond, were given recognition at this time.

W. K. McGee made a very interesting talk on the new addition to the Baptist Hospital.

Brother Lum Kilby from Mountain Valley church was recognized as one of the oldest and most faithful members of the Association.

The meeting was dismissed for the noon hour with prayer by Rev. John Burcham.

A bountiful table was spread by members of the host church.

Song, "May God Depend On You."

For devotional, Brother Eller, moderator of the Brushy Mountain Association, opened the evening session with prayer.

The following report was read by Rev. M. L. Blevins:

MISSIONS

The word "missions" should put every Christian on the alert. Not only to the work in far off lands but to every place where we have committed ourselves to this task. Let us examine the facts and see how we are living up to the name we are known by, "Missionary Baptists."

Our Southern Baptist Convention sent, last year, to our pastors the Annual Year Book in which we were given the work and accomplishments of 1949. Each of the 72 Associations of North Carolina are listed with their performances. We herewith submit the work of the Stone Mountain Association. The figures are what we did for denominational purposes.

The Stone Mountain Association with 26 churches listed, 3,999 members enrolled as members of the churches, gave during the year 1949, \$1,612.00. This is equivalent to \$62.00 per church. Distributed equally among the membership it would be an outlay of \$.40 per person.

We have made some progress and feel this year's reports will be more encouraging. Let every one stand in his place and carry out the command, "Go into all the world." Our master left the work in our hands. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN,
M. L. BLEVINS,
MRS. SARAH E. OWENS.

Report adopted.

A very interesting talk was made on missions by Dr. J. C. Canipe.

Song, "Heavenly Sunlight."

C. W. Basemore made a very impressive talk on the merits of the Biblical Recorder and other Baptist literature.

Christian Education was discussed very ably by M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill College.

Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

The following report on Christian Education was read by Rev. A. B. Hayes.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The casual observer will realize that fast changes have come about since horse and buggy days. Less noticeable, but more important, is the change that has come in education and our attitude toward it. Formerly education was considered a luxury except for a few professional groups. Now it is reckoned a necessity by those who would serve the best and enjoy the most. The number of persons in schools and colleges has been multiplied many times over.

As members of Baptist Churches it is our concern that this education be Christian, and that our churches progress in Kingdom work under trained Christian leadership. To this end Southern Baptists now have three seminaries, one missionary training school, twenty-nine senior colleges, twenty-three junior colleges, and seven academies,

with a total endowment and property value of \$125,247,836.75. In North Carolina alone we have seven Baptist colleges with a total of 5,000 students in attendance.

Let us as members of the Stone Mountain Association ask ourselves these questions: How many young people in our Association are enrolled in these Baptist colleges and may be expected to return as our leaders? How much did the churches of this Association give to support these colleges in the past year? How many of our young people are training for full-time Christian service? What can a pastor or Sunday School superintendent do to encourage his boys and girls to take Christian training in one of our Baptist schools? Why do we not emphasize the fact that every Christian can do better work as farmer, or businessman, professional man, or homemaker if he or she has received Christian training in a Christian college? Let us think about these questions and answer them in keeping with the will of God and the mind of Christ—answer them in deeds and not in words only.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. HAYES,
EVAN COLVARD,
WAYNE ELLEDGE.

Report adopted. Further comment by Rev. A. B. Hayes.

The following report on Old Ministers' Relief was read by Brother C. C. Gambill:

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

As we review the work of the Baptist in this the Stone Mountain Association, our thoughts run back naturally to our old pioneer preachers of God's word. We are mindful of the hardships they went through and the many sacrifices and disadvantages under which they labored in order to make secure the foundations of our great denominational programs of today.

We take this opportunity to pay our tribute to the memory of these great men, those that have gone on before, and to express our appreciation for those that still labor with us.

We are happy that our denomination has made provision for those who because of old age or physical infirmities are unable to continue their ministries.

May we take up where they left off and never turn a deaf ear to any appeal that may come to them for material aid.

C. C. GAMBILL,
COMMIE LYONS,
MRS. D. V. BROWN.

Report adopted.

Further discussion of this subject by Brothers Commie Lyons and C. C. Gambill.

At this time the moderator appointed the following committee on time, place and preacher:

Wade Barlow, Baptist Home; Estel Rhodes, Dehart; Ira Sebastian, Haymeadow.

And also the following committee on Resolutions:

Mack Pruitt, Walnut Grove; Columbus Kilby, Mountain Valley; H. E. Elledge, Bethel.

Prayer by Rev. Edd Hayes, in which remembrance was made of Rev. George Curry, an aged minister of our Association, who was at this time very ill, closed the first day of the meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Song, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

Devotional by Rev. A. A. Johnson reading and commenting on John 14:1-5 and prayer.

At this time Rev. Iredell Osborne and Rev. George Osborne, new members of our Association, and William H. Smith of Kinston were recognized. The following report on church and pastor relations was read by Brother C. C. Blevins:

CHURCH AND PASTOR RELATIONS

We believe that our churches should provide twice-a-month services as six of our twenty-six churches have already done. Most of our churches are financing the once-a-month services commensurable to time spent by pastor. However, the finances and services should both be stepped up to adequately keep step with the advancement of this industrial age. These will fail without a strong and determined purpose to honor God by a re-dedication of ourselves to God by better teaching and better spiritual service. Our custom, brought over from pioneer days, of depending mostly on a once-a-year revival to win souls into the Kingdom and once-a-month preaching service to feed them, leaves too many unnourished spiritual babies and loses too many of the lambs of Christ out among the brambles and thorns of life. Therefore, we the committee advise that each church make it possible financially for the pastor to serve each church two Sundays each month, and to make necessary visitations in the community he is serving. We further advise that each church and pastor adopt some Bible training course suitable to their community, and in doing so may we ever keep in mind Proverbs 4:7, "Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding."

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. BLEVINS,

G. B. CRABB,

COMMIE HAYES.

Report adopted.

Further discussion by Bros. C. C. Blevins and G. B. Crabb.

Song, "Higher Ground."

The following report on periodicals was read by Brother W. M. Pruitt:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We learn God's law by hearing and reading. The Ethiopian was interested in reading the law, also in having an explanation. So we know our minds are greatly affected by what we read. Since we have so much literature that is injurious especially to our young people, we therefore recommend a more comprehensive study of the Bible. As we look at the newspapers today we will find them filled with everything that is unfit for wholesome mental development, also many of our homes are good customers for such literature; we therefore admonish our Baptist people to leave all unfit reading from their home library and encourage more Bible study and thereby improve the vision of the future generation.

W. M. PRUITT,

QUINCY ROYAL,

J. T. HOLLOWAY, Committee.

Report adopted.

Further comment by Bro. W. M. Pruitt, Rev. S. L. Blevins, Sister Marie Royal and Mrs. Clifton Prevette.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Yale were elected representatives of the Baptist Hospital for this Association.

Song, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

REPORT OF STONE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Brethren:

Herewith is a brief report of the work done by your Associational Missionary for nine months of 1950, up to our annual meeting.

Miles traveled, (at close of August) 8322; Churches visited, 25; Sermons preached, 89; Conversions, 42; Ordinations of preachers, 2; Funerals, 4; Weeks of teaching, 8; Vacation Bible Schools, 9, 13 con.; Revivals conducted, 6; Attended Fruitland Bible School, 6 weeks; Attended Baptist State Con. at Raleigh, 2 days; Attended Special State Con. at Charlotte, 1 day; Attended Evangelistic Conf. at Greensboro, 2 days; Attended Bible School Clinic at Fruitland, 2 days; Attended Bible School Clinic at Wilkesboro, 1 day; Attended Baptist Hospital Building Planning at North Wilkesboro, 1 day; Attended Sunday School Planning Morganton 1 day; Met with Rev. Mr. Brooks and workers, 2 occasions.

In connection with above meetings have met with Wilkes Pastors at various times, with our moderator and with Sunday School Superintendent for consultation at needed times.

I submit this report realizing that all things have not gone forward so much as we wished but feel we have made progress in the work. This work is new in our Association and entirely new to your worker, so we have a long way to go to fully understand it. We are willing to do our reasonable best in going forward but solicit your prayers in every step of the way.

I take this opportunity to thank the moderator, Sunday School Superintendent, pastors and all who have stood with me in this past nine months of work. May we, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, go forward to greater things in the days to come.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BLEVINS.

Report adopted by the Association.

A short talk was made on the work of the Associational field worker by Rev. S. L. Blevins and Brother Evan Colvard.

The following report on orphanages was made by Sister Belva Gregory:

THE ORPHANAGE REPORT

There is no organization in North Carolina dearer to the hearts of the Baptist people than our Baptist Orphanage. Since the time of its organization—1885—it has been a home with a Christian atmosphere for thousands of our orphan boys and girls. The number increases each year.

We recommend that the members of the Stone Mountain Association give a monthly offering plus one day's wages at Thanksgiving for the support of our orphanage.

There's no better way to serve our Master than to serve His little ones, therefore, let us give more and pray more for our orphan children and for those to whom we have entrusted their welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

BELVA GREGORY,
JONES MAYBERRY,
MRS. RUTH BILLINGS.

Report adopted.

A very interesting and informative talk was made on orphanages by William A. Smith from Eastern Carolina Orphanage.

Dismissed for the noon hour with prayer by Rev. Iredell Osborne.

A generous table spread by members of the host church was enjoyed by all.

Opening songs for the afternoon service: "The Kingdom Is Coming" and "I'll Live For Him."

The devotional was conducted by Rev. L. E. Sparks by reading from Matthew 3 and John 1, and a prayer.

A special song was given by Mrs. Wayne Dancy and Miss Geraldine Johnson, in climax to the talk made by William A. Smith on orphan-ages earlier in the day.

Motion was made to change the place of meeting to two churches each year in order to get around more often. Motion carried.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

The following report on Hospitals was read by Bro. Vernon Woodruff.

PERTINENT FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL AT WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

Objectives

Teaching and healing, two of the principal precepts of Christ's ministry, are the main objectives of your Baptist Hospital, which, together with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College, forms the only Baptist-owned hospital and medical school combined in the world today.

Underlying these objectives is the Christian responsibility of caring for the poor by giving them the medical service they require and by ministering to the sick throughout the State.

Capsule History

The N. C. Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient on May 28, 1923. Originally planned as a 100-bed institution, the hospital was enlarged in 1942 to a capacity of 260 beds and 55 bassinets. A Nurses' Home, Outpatient Building, new West Wing and laundry building have been added to the original plant. The medical school was built adjoining the hospital in 1941.

The hospital admits approximately 8,800 persons per year as bed patients and rendered a total of 88,839 days of patient care in 1948.

Department of Religion

The hospital is the property of North Carolina Baptists and is the concrete expression of their desire to minister to the whole person. A patient's need for pastoral care is increased, rather than lessened, by his physical difficulties. To meet this need, the hospital has established a full Department of Religion with a director, a chaplain and a student secretary. Their duties consist of pastoral care of the patients and promotion of a religious program for the entire staff of the hospital.

Mother's Day Offerings

Funds received each year in Mother's Day Offerings are used to pay the hospital expenses of those patients who can pay only a part of their hospitalization or nothing at all. Receipts from the churches in Mother's Day Offerings in 1948 totaled \$141,150.51.

The total includes the value of linens contributed through Women's Unions and estimated at \$2,115.09 last year. Approximately half of the 8,800 bed patients admitted to the hospital in 1948 and all those seen in the outpatient clinics (36,000 visits) paid no doctor's fee and were assisted by the Mother's Day Offering.

The hospital provided more free service in 1948 than any other denominationally-controlled hospital in the South. Free service amounting to \$314,777.17 which was dispensed to patients in the hospital and the outpatient clinic was made possible by individual contributions,

welfare agencies, and the Duke Endowment—and mainly through the Mother's Day Offering.

Sunday School is conducted each Sunday at the Hospital. Vespers are conducted on Thursday and Monday.

And Speaking of Figures

An average of three babies per day are born at Baptist Hospital, which makes a total of well over a thousand new citizens each year.

About 20 X-ray treatments are given each day for a total of 6,849 in a single year.

The mailman brings 135 pounds of mail to the hospital and medical school in a single day.

The medical school has graduated 281 doctors since it was opened in 1941.

The dietary department serves 1,531 meals per day or 551,136 per year.

It prepares approximately 40 special diets and 40 baby formulas each day.

A daily food bill runs around \$555.55 for such items as 80 pounds of bacon, 60 dozen eggs, 417 quarts of milk, 130 loaves of bread.

An average of 12 operations are performed each day or 4,416 per year.

The bookmobile makes 312 trips per year and circulates 3,600 books and 12,000 magazines.

The pharmacy fills between 50 and 60 prescriptions each day.

The laundry finishes 2,202 pounds of laundry per day including 207 nurses' uniforms.

The emergency room receives 16 visits each day or 5,763 per year.

It takes 500 employees to keep the work of the hospital going each day.

It takes 5½ tons of coal per day.

Report adopted.

A very interesting and enlightening talk was made on the Baptist Hospital by Mrs. Jesse Yale.

The following report was read by Mrs. W. W. Luffman:

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

A full graded Woman's Missionary Union consists of an organization for all age groups, thus giving all an opportunity to study missions.

This gives the women a great opportunity to do a great work themselves and to teach and train the children likewise.

The success of a W. M. U. is founded upon the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus.

The efforts of good consecrated and prayerful women of the past have been blessed and much good has been done.

May we pray for, give to and preach missions effectively, prayerfully and faithfully. May we never let down the task which our women of the years before have done and left for us to do. May we never grow weary in well doing.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. LUFFMAN,
MARIE ROYALL,
MRS. HATTIE McNEIL.

This subject was discussed very ably by Sisters Luffman and Royal. Song, "Bringing In the Sheaves."

The following Sunday School report was read by Bro. Trelia Kilby:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

In studying the New Testament we find the gospel of Jesus Christ was carried both by preaching and teaching.

Today in our churches the message is still carried by our preacher and teachers so the most important objective of Sunday School is teaching the Bible.

We find that the Sunday School is essential to the spiritual growth of any church. Give us a wide awake Sunday School and I'll show you a church on fire for God.

It should be the earnest desire of every member of this Association to try to enroll every man, woman, boy and girl, in some good Sunday School.

The wise man of old says train a child in the way it should go and when it's old it will not depart from it.

TRELIA KILBY,
DENNIS WALKER,
REV. B. H. BARKER.

A very interesting comment was made on Sunday Schools by Brother Trelia Kilby.

Song, "Love Lifted Me."

The following report on Temperance was read by Brother Odell Whittington:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Christians are sometimes called "followers of the way." Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6). To go in His way requires self-giving, sacrificial living, devotion to the highest ideals, and willingness to give up personal pleasures for other's good. This way leads to abundant living and to a full and happy life.

The way of alcohol means self-indulgence, wasted lives, and miserable unhappiness. It leads to personal and social deterioration.

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32). Christian freedom is based on devotion to His word. It becomes more intelligent with increased knowledge about good things. Christian freedom is made possible by disciplined living. Christian citizens are the hope of our country, of our county and of our communities.

Those persons who indulge in alcohol sooner or later become slaves to the habit of drinking this narcotic. They don't want to know the truth about it. Brewers and distillers receive huge profits from human weakness and attempt to guard their interests through political and cultural propaganda.

The illegal sale of alcoholic beverages and their use in Wilkes county is the chief enemy of social and economic progress here and is the main cause of corruption in government and deterioration in personal morality. The Christian people of this county should band themselves together to drive out this enemy of righteous living. They can do it when they make up their minds to do so and give themselves into the hand of God for this leadership. The first step is the election of trustworthy officers of the law and their continued support in law enforcement. The second is the increase in educational, agricultural and industrial advantages for all of the people. And the third is a greater commitment on the part of Christian people to preaching the Gospel, witnessing to the saving power of Christ, and faithful and exemplary Christian living. To this program of Christian warfare for righteousness we pledge ourselves in the name of our God.

W. H. BARLOW,
WARREN NORMAN,
ODELL WHITTINGTON.

Report adopted.

Further comment on Temperance by Bros. Odell Whittington, Wade Barlow, and Rev. Warren Norman.

The following report on Resolutions was read by Bro. W. M. Pruitt:

RESOLUTIONS

We the Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:
Resolved,

First, that we be content to the will of God in work of his own will among our people, and humbly thank him for his manifold blessings in the past year.

Second, that we thank our moderator and clerk for their efficient service and pledge our cooperation for the coming year in the work and advancement of the Kingdom work of God.

Third, that we thank the fine people of Maple Grove Church and community for their generous hospitality and spirit in which they have entertained this Association.

Respectfully,

W. M. PRUITT,

J. E. KILBY,

H. E. ELLEDGE.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher gave the following report:

Time—Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, 1951.

Place—Walnut Grove on Friday, Union on Saturday.

Preacher—Rev. S. L. Blevins with Rev. Edd Hayes as alternate.

The fifty-fourth annual session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association was closed with a congregational song and a handshake service with the preaching brethren.

Benediction by Rev. S. L. Blevins.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Minute fund received from churches	\$77.75
Associational offering for minute fund.....	12.55
Received from Piney Grove Church for Hospital.....	10.00
Received from Baptist Home Church for Cooperative Program....	6.00
Given by Glenn Dancy for Minute Fund.....	10.00

Total receipts \$116.30

Paid to:

Cooperative Program	\$ 6.00
Baptist Hospital	10.00
Carter-Hubbard Publishing Co. for minutes	117.10

Total Expenditures\$133.10

STATE OF CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism	266
Received by Letter and Otherwise	94

Total Gain 360

Lost by Death, Transfer, etc 117

Net Gain 243

DELEGATES

Baptist Home—Wade Barlow, Spencer Absher, Quincy Huffman.
Benham—Otis Byrd, Amos Lyons, Ben Swaim.
Bethel—Clay Roland, Wayne Elledge, Grover Rhodes.
Chestnut Grove—Mrs. Dacy Haynes, Miss Ruth Brown, Mrs. Lum Wyatt.
Dehart—Dennis Walker, E. E. Rhodes, D. L. Porter.
Elk Spur—Quincy Royal, L. M. Higgins, H. F. Brown.
Fairplains—Bruce Dearman, Mrs. Grace Dearman, Mrs. Wiley Brooks.
Flint Hill—Claude Johnson, Jr., Gordon Johnson, Jessie Adams.
Haymeadow—I. E. Sebastian, D. M. Cleary, A. R. Myers.
Knobbs—C. S. Lyon, R. S. Dameron, Steve Anderson.
Maple Grove—I. C. Cleary, Johnsie Cleary, Alfred Brown.
Mt. Pisgah—L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher, Thurmon Holloway.
Mt. Zion—L. H. Shumate, J. H. Faw, R. C. Dancy.
Mountain Valley—J. C. Kilby, J. H. Adams, Lewis Adams.
Mountain View—Mrs. Edward Pendry, C. E. Billings, Wilmer Woodruff.
New Light—Clifton Prevette, Rayvon Garriss, McKinley Wood.
Oak Grove—Noah Griffin, S. E. Owens, Caryl Owens.
Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, W. F. Bowers, H. M. Waddell.
Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Odessa Luffman, Burtice Luffman, D. N. Martin.
Pleasant View—W. P. Bell, Herman Key, Clark Tate.
Roaring Gap—Lester Royal, Jim Reece, David Chandler.
Rock Springs—Delbert Myers, Gilbert Handy, Muncie Absher.
Stony Ridge—G. B. Crabbe, David Prevette, Sankey Wiles.
Traphill—R. C. Pruitt, Claude Brown, H. G. Pruitt.
Union—Odell Whittington, Hamp Taylor, Frank Huffman.
Walnut Grove—Bill Gamble, Garmon Blevins, F. S. Farrington.

OUR DEAD

Baptist Home—Mrs. H. E. Hayes, Mrs. D. E. Key.
Bethel—Mr. Benjamin Watkins.
Chestnut Grove—Mr. John Haynes.
Dehart—Mrs. W. L. Rhodes.
Fairplains—Mr. John Warren, Mr. J. V. Wallace.
Flint Hill—Mrs. Lola Shumate.
Haymeadow—Mary Billings, Mrs. Quincy Brown, Mrs. Roddie Walker.
Maple Grove—Mr. Burr Pendry, Miss Mattie Hawkins, Mrs. Mattie Whitly, Deacon J. A. Gilliam.
Mount Pisgah—Mrs. Tyra S. Myers.
Mount Zion—Mrs. Mamie Faw, Mrs. Dema Brown.
Mountain Valley—Mr. Austin Lovette.
Mountain View—Mr. Rudd McNeil.
Piney Grove—Miss Della Handy, Mrs. Ethel Spicer.
Pleasant View—Mr. Johnnie Williamson.
Roaring Gap—Mrs. Florence Blackburn, Charles Clifton Gentry (Killed in action in Korea).
Union—Mrs. Rebecca Hanby.
Walnut Grove—Mrs. Catherine Wagoner.

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Gains—Losses			TOTAL		Special Info.		
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Adms	Loss by Death Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Grand Total Members	Revol. Meet- ings Held	No. Tithers	Pastor Has Served Church
Baptist Home.....	R	1880	2 & 4	S. L. Blevins, Hays	32	17	3	125	217	1	6	17
Benham.....	R	1917	2	Marvin Burcham, Benham	9	7	4	200	197	1	1	
Bethel.....	R	1887	2	W. B. Luffman, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro		7		6	197	1		
Chestnut Grove.....	R	1900	3	Albert Pruitt, North Wilkesboro			3		77	1	1	
Dehart.....	R	1879	2	Major Caudill, Springfield	5		5		123	1		1
Elk Spur.....	R			L. E. Sparks, Moxley					68			4
Fairplains.....	V	1901	1 & 3	Clate Brown, Oakwoods	17	8	10	374	374	2		3
Flint Hill.....	R	1912	1 & 3	C. O. Richardson, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro	9	21	5	198	198	2		4
Haymeadow.....	R	1906	3	J. T. Hendrix, Hays	5		6	190	190	1		
Knobbs.....	R	1906	2 & 4	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	8	2		82	125	2		12
Maple Grove.....	R	1932	1	Hillery Blevins, Hays	11	1	12	6	197	1		5
Mt. Pisgah.....	R	1879	1	Ernest Blevins, Hays	2	1	6	61	101	1		
Mt. Zion.....	R	1898	4	Albert Byrd, R. 1, North Wilkesboro	1	1	6	100	137	1		2
Mountain Valley.....	R	1902	2 & 4	Iredell Osborne, Cricket	9	4	5	78	97	2		4
Mountain View.....	V	1912	2 & 4	Glenn Huffman, North Wilkesboro	15	2	4		129	1		1
New Light.....	R	1899	2	Charlie Richardson, R. 2, N. Wilkesb.	10	2	3		8			
Oak Grove.....	R		1 & 4	Grant Miller, Wilbar								
Piney Grove.....	R	1888	4	L. E. Sparks & A. L. Gambill, Moxley	1	1	2		157	1		
Pleasant Ridge.....	R	1907		Woodrow Wishon, State Road	4	1	4	186	232	1	8	
Pleasant View.....	R	1943	4	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	19	12	8	160	160	2		8
Roaring Gap.....	R	1901	1	Marvin Burcham, Elkin	8	3	7	151	226	2	3	1
Rock Springs.....	R	1904	2	C. W. Bryant, R. 2, North Wilkesboro	11		3	153	153	1		3
Stony Ridge.....	R	1905	3	L. E. Sparks, Moxley			1	99	99	1		30
Traphill.....	R	1887	1	Watson Bryant, North Wilkesboro			4	65	65	1		1
Union.....	V	1911	3	Glenn Huffman, North Wilkesboro	7	2	1	100	165	1		5
Walnut Grove.....	R	1902	1 & 3	M. L. Blevins, Hays	5	2	8	258	258	2		7

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Ofc. Not Counted	Grand Total S. S.	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible S. Enrollment	Av. Attendance
Baptist Home	Wade Barlow, R. 1, North Wilkesboro	20	19	17	25	26	49	67	16	239	239	123	100	88
Benham	Rev. David Cockerham, Benham	35	35	18	30	68	25	25	7	176	176	112	100	
Bethel	M. A. Miller, Hays	25	12	12	25	30	25	2	2	131	125	125		
Chestnut Grove	Connie Haynes, Reddies River	10	6	11	6		12			50	35			
Dehart	W. R. Handy, McGrady									52				
Elk Spur														
Fairplains	Bruce Dearman, North Wilkesboro	46	41	28	32	43		131	12	333	333	190	120	100
Flint Hill	Louie Blackburn, North Wilkesboro	30	15	20	15	15	30	7	7	132	90			
Haymeadow	V. M. Harrold, Hays	20	9	16	7	13	35	100	79	100	79	65		
Knobbs	R. S. Dameron, Traphill			40	15	18	40	4	4	65	65			
Maple Grove	Sherill Pendry, Hays	8	13	10	12	18	25	25	25	110	82			
Mt. Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery	3	6	8	10	12	10	12	8	65	38			
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Helen Shumate, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro									30	30			
Mountain Valley	Austin Lovette (Dec'd) Reddies River	13	12	14	16	23	45	123	45	123	100	45	35	
Mountain View	Vernon Woodruff, Hays	14	19	23	35		91	54	56	91	54	56	44	
New Light	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	4	21	15	23	16		79	55	79	55			
Oak Grove	Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar	2	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	25	20	17		
Piney Grove	J. W. Mayberry, Moxley	4		7	16	16	16	16	6	50	40			
Pleasant Ridge	Hubert Martin, State Road	9	12	21	24	20	25	54	12	177	94	119	106	
Pleasant View	Harvey Haynes, State Road	35	40	50	35	65		225		225				
Roaring Gap	J. D. Nicholson, Traphill	6	23	23	43	48		7	7	150	114	75	63	
Rock Springs	Albert Handy, Halls Mill	12	10	6	15	12	10	4	4	69	40			
Stony Ridge	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill	12	12	21	26	25	25	7	7	90	50			
Traphill	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	4	4	12	12	3	20	35	3	60	20			
Union	Odell Whittington, Reddies River	10	25	10	20	20	20	25	25	90	70	40	35	
Walnut Grove	Will Gambill, Springfield				40	25				90	70	50	45	

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery Units	Beginner Units	Primary Units	Junior Units	Intermed. Units	Y. P. Units	Adult Units	Total No. Units	Nursery Enroll'd	Beginners Enroll'd	Primaries Enroll'd	Juniors Enroll'd	Intermediates Enr	Y. P. Enroll'd	Adults Enroll'd	Gen. Ofc. Enroll'd	Grand Total Enr.	Av. Attendance	
Baptist Home.....	A. A. Caudill, North Wilkesboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	6	10	18	14	16	18	19	16	89	.....
Fairplains.....	J. Quincy Brooks, R. 1, N. Wilkesb.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	1	1	.....	12	.....	20	18	20	33	5	108	55	.....
Maple Grove.....	Carrol Dancy, Hays .....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	13	.....	14	24	18	.....	69	60	.....
Roaring Gap.....	Marie Royal, Thurmond	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	3	6	.....	12	.....	35	20	5	81	60

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units		W.M.S. Enrolled		Total Enrolled		Total Titlers
		1	2	32	6	1	32	
Baptist Home.....	Mrs. Gwyn Caudill, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	1	22	1	6	1	32	8
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Odessa Luffman, State Road	1	22	1	6	1	22	...
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	1	22	1	6	1	22	...

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Money Borrowed, Sale of Property, etc.	Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revol Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Ex- penses (Exclud- ing Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
Baptist Home	John McGrady, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	\$12000	\$7806	.....	\$215	\$5711	\$305	\$100	\$185	\$600	\$50	\$7166	\$640	\$7806	.....
Benham	C. B. Settle, Benham	3300	5000	\$ 210	22	2813	65	84	84	1300	85	7580	290	7869	.....
Bethel	Jasper G. Chipman, R. 2, N. Wilkesb.	.....	2545	18	10	969	35	36	36	.....	25	1093	226	1319	.....
Chestnut Grove	.....	.....	165	.....	26	.....	39	.....	21	.....	1	88	75	163	.....
Dehart	L. O. Handy, Hays	.....	100	.....	.....	485	6	.....	27	.....	.....	485	73	106	.....
Elk Spur	H. J. Royall, Traphill	.....	500	.....	64	.....	245	211	205	.....	131	1080	1095	2176	.....
Fairplains	Mrs. Orville Warren, R. 1, N. Wb.	.....	2500	225	.....	500	54	63	54	.....	24	631	524	1209	.....
Flint Hill	Mrs. J. D. Morrison, N. Wilkesboro	.....	1200	.....	.....	130	61	.....	74	.....	105	370	207	577	.....
Haymeadow	R. M. Elledge, Hays	.....	600	.....	.....	.....	35	39	.....	.....	.....	75	102	230	\$ 4000
Knobbs	M. G. Key, Traphill	.....	310	.....	.....	68	63	18	83	595	117	1101	573	1674	.....
Maple Grove	Glenn Dancy, Jr., N. Wilkesboro	2650	457	65	91	69	36	.....	37	.....	.....	138	191	329	.....
Mt. Pisgah	Bruce Billings, Dockery	.....	400	.....	69	40	31	.....	78	.....	32	178	102	281	.....
Mt. Zion	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River	.....	295	.....	.....	280	58	.....	157	1136	.....	1796	276	2017	4500
Mountain Valley	Sylvian Kilby, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	.....	1965	.....	50	200	68	43	144	.....	15	639	825	1465	10000
Mountain View	C. E. Billings, Hays	.....	1668	.....	170	115	25	.....	30	.....	.....	180	125	310	1500
New Light	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River	.....	315	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3	.....
Oak Grove	Sarah Owens, Wilbar	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	75	95	1000
Piney Grove	W. F. Bowers, Absher	.....	95	.....	39	.....	86	25	63	.....	166	391	420	811	3500
Pleasant Ridge	Mrs. Wilsie Draught, State Road	.....	3656	13	.....	.....	229	231	212	.....	993	2140	1195	3336	.....
Pleasant View	G. A. Chambers, State Road	.....	3815	.....	296	179	229	216	89	.....	165	1746	251	1936	5000
Roaring Gap	Mrs. Raymond DeJournette, Traphi	.....	3763	95	25	1067	99	.....	75	.....	20	583	100	683	3000
Rock Springs	A. V. Hall, Halls Mill	.....	400	.....	21	448	19	.....	.....	.....	45	223	100	324	.....
Stony Ridge	C. W. Billings, Lomax	.....	548	.....	50	.....	40	17	100	.....	20	15	271	128	1750
Traphill	Mrs. D. C. Castevens, Traphill	.....	522	.....	80	125	13	20	18	.....	15	69	197	240	437
Union	Frank Huffman, Reddies River	.....	600	.....	10	30	.....	18	70	.....	69	428	162	590	3000
Walnut Grove	Arliiss Caudill, Springfield	.....	700	.....	198	.....	.....	108	63	.....	59	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuitiy, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total for All Purposes	Total Church Debt at End of Year
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	\$ 6					\$31	\$51	\$ 75	\$163	\$7969	\$11400
Benham.....	Annie Byrd, Benham			\$ 20			18	14		53	7922	2000
Bethel.....	Jasper G. Chipman, R.2,N.Wilkesb.						60	60		120	1439	
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Reddies River							3		4	167	
Dehart.....	L. O. Handy, Hays		\$ 2						1	1	108	
Elk Spur.....	Jno. A. Royal, Traphill		10					11		11	496	
Fairplains.....	Clate Duncan, North Wilkesboro	12	50				176	118		385	2560	
Flint Hill.....	Garland Reeves, North Wilkesboro			\$ 78			20	20	13	53	1262	
Haymeadow.....	R. M. Elledge, Hays						5	10	7	22	600	
Knobbs.....	M. G. Key, Traphill		10				15	25		40	311	
Maple Grove.....	Wayne Dancy, North Wilkesboro		193				179	54		457	2131	2100
Mt. Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery		50		51		10	10	10	83	412	
Mt. Zion.....	J. H. Faw, Reddies River							15		15	296	
Mountain Valley.....	G. T. Foster, R. 1, Reddies River	4		26				32	11	72	2144	
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays		54				25	40		126	1591	
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River						11	12	5	28	153	
Oak Grove.....	Sarah Owens, Wilbar							7		7	9	
Piney Grove.....	H. J. Spicer, Abshers							10		10	105	
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. Y. Hutchinson, Elkin	37	109		2	\$10	84	30	3	274	1085	
Pleasant View.....	Lonnie Crabb, State Road			27			43	92		162	3497	
Roaring Gap.....	Raymond DeJournette, Traphill		140	15			53	64		273	2269	
Rock Springs.....	A. V. Hall, Halls Mill							6		6	688	200
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill		35				20	10	165	226	554	
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	5	46				8	6		70	469	70
Union.....	Evan L. Colvard, Reddies River	35	100				50	50		235	692	
Walnut Grove.....	Pauline P. Handy, Springfield		68	37				43		147	737	

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**MINUTES
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Association**

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Springfield, N. C.**

SEPTEMBER 21, 1951

**AND WITH
Union Baptist Church
Wilbar, N. C.**

SEPTEMBER 22, 1951

GLENN DANCY, Moderator Hays, N. C.
JASPER G. CHIPMAN, Clerk.....R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

The next session will be held with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, of State Road, N. C., on Friday, September 26, and with Elk Spur Baptist Church, of Traphill, N. C., on Saturday, September 27, 1951. Sermon by Rev. David Cockerham.

DIRECTORY

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D. T. Dearman	Hays
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Ransom Elledge	Hays

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James Blevins	Wilkesboro
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J. W. Brown	Abshers
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David Cockerham	Elkin
W. F. Cooper	Traphill
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J. T. Hendrix	Hays
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Raymond Hodge	Traphill
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A. A. Johnson	Hays
Lester Johnson	Hays
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Odell Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Jesse Yale	North Wilkesboro
Miss Winnie Luffman, State Denominational Worker.....	State Road

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associa-

tional mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring; the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met Friday September 21st with Walnut Grove Baptist Church and Saturday September 22nd with Union Baptist Church for the association's Fifty fifth annual session.

Songs: "The Way of The Cross Leads Home."
"Where The Soul Never Dies."

Devotional exercise by Rev. Major Caudill who read the 24th Psalm, gave a short speech of welcome and called Rev. Minter L. Blevins to lead the opening prayer.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Glenn Dancy.

At this time Rev. Minter L. Blevins our Associational Missionary, gave the following report on his past years work:

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY, 1950 - 1951

This report gives work of the missionary beginning month of September 1950, ending month of August 1951. The report deals with work in our Association, also with duties performed outside the Association, which were necessary in carrying out the duties as missionary.

The following information concerns work connected in the bounds of the Stone Mountain Association.

Vacation Bible School visits, 17; Training Union visits, 3; Sunday School visits, 22; Preaching and Prayer Meetings visits, 69; Sermons other than revival messages, 47; Special Message, 1; Funerals, 3; Revivals, 11; Weeks of Bible Teaching, 10; Miles traveled, 12,866; Conversions, 15; Rededications, 7; New church members, 19; Conferences, Individuals, 182; Group, 35; Committee, 18.

Information given below concerns work rendered outside the Association, but in connection with the church program.

Six Weeks Preacher's School, Fruitland, Hendersonville, N. C. Workers Conference, Fruitland, Hendersonville, N. C. (Two days). Missionary Meeting, Fruitland, Hendersonville, N. C. (Two sessions); Sunday School Planning Meeting, Morganton, N. C. (One day); Baptist State Convention, Durham, N. C. (Two days); State Evangelistic Convention, Charlotte, N. C. (Two sessions); Mars Hill Pastor's Conference, Mars Hill, N. C. (Four days); Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C. (Patients to clinic, 6 trips); Pastor's Conference and School, North Wilkesboro, N. C. (26 sessions); Vacation Bible School

Clinic, Hendersonville, N. C. and, also, North Wilkesboro, N. C. (5 sessions).

Brethren, in submitting this report, I realize that all things haven't been accomplished we have been working to bring to pass. May we fully feel our dependence upon our Heavenly Father and go forward in His will as he gives us light to do His Will.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BLEVINS, Missionary

The report was adopted by the association and a brief discussion was brought by Rev. S. L. Blevins in which he recommended that the pastors and other officers of the churches make more of the trips carrying patients to the hospital and to her like errands and thereby give Brother Blevins more time to work in the field to help build up our church and Sunday School attendance.

At this time the clerk and treasurer made a report saying that the work of the associational missionary had been better supported by the churches this year than last year with about five churches participating this year that had not helped out last year, however one church had dropped out of this work leaving a total of 17 churches now helping. The funds in the treasury had been adequate to keep the worker paid but no surplus had accumulated.

The clerk also asked that someone else be elected for clerk for the following year.

Song: "Standing on the Promises."

A call for the Associational letters showed all churches in the association represented.

The Moderator made a brief report thanking the churches for their support and co-operation in the past year and asked to be excused from being Moderator next year.

A count of ministers and their wives showed fifteen ministers and five wives.

Organization: The Moderator declared the Association without officers and called Brother Mack Pruitt to the chair as Moderator pro tem to hold the election.

The house was declared open for nominations for Moderator and Brothers Mack Pruitt and Glenn Dancy were nominated.

On motion nominations closed. By a standing vote Brother Glenn Dancy was unanimously elected for Moderator. On motion by Brother A. C. Yale, a standing vote was taken and Jasper G. Chipman was re-elected as clerk-treasurer.

Song: "There's an Eye Watching You."

Sermon by Rev. S. L. Blevins using for a text: John 13: 34-35.

The following visitors were present: Mr. Hannon Minton and family from the Brushy Mtn. Association, Rev. W. A. Eichelberger of the American Sunday School Union, Mrs. J. T. Fender, Mrs. Edna Brooks and Mrs. Pearl Bengel from the Alleghany Association, Rev. J. T. Hendrix from the Stony Fork Association, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roope and Miss Eva Cothern from Oak Ridge Church.

Brother Mack Pruitt made a short but very touching exhortation of appreciation for Rev. S. L. Blevins who is now retiring from the pastorate ministry.

Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Rev. Minter L. Blevins was nominated and unanimously reelected for the place of Associational Missionary.

A short talk on the past years work of Brother Blevins was made by Brother Mack Pruitt.

A very interesting and enlightening talk on the use of Christian Literature in the home was brought by Rev. C. W. Basemore from the "Biblical Recorder."

The following Finance Committee was appointed by the Moderator: Otto Rhodes, Cranford Blevins, Johnny Myers.

Rev. J. E. Hayes dismissed the Association for the noon hour and a very generous table prepared on the grounds by the members of the host church was enjoyed by all.

Song: "Gathering Home."

The afternoon session was opened with devotionals conducted by Rev. Woodrow Wishon reading a portion of Paul's letter to the Romans and a prayer.

Song: "Someday."

The following report was read by Mrs. John R. Jones and after being adopted by the Association, was very ably discussed by Sister Jones and M. A. Huggins, Mission Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, reading from the first Chapter of I Corinthians:

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We, your committee on missions, submit the following report:

Missions are world wide. Our mission work is divided into four classifications: 1. Associational Missions, 2. State Missions, 3. Home Missions, 4. Foreign Missions.

Never before has there been a greater need in the world for missions. Until the church realizes the great importance of mission work, it cannot move with fullest power into the hearts of men.

When Jesus, before he was taken up into Heaven, stood and looked into the faces of his few followers and said to them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," it must have seemed a great undertaking but they began first at Jerusalem then into Samaria and since that time this Great Commission has been carried on by Christians and today our responsibility is to carry this Gospel into the utmost parts of the world, and when the nations believe that "God so loved the world that he gave this only son," then we will awaken to a new life.

Through the faithfulness of the early Christians we have the Gospel ourselves. We should be faithful to the task for every generation must be won to Christ. It is our obligation, as well as our privilege, to give the world the same message that we enjoy. When we realize the great need in the world for the Gospel we should, looking to God for guidance, re-dedicate our lives to the work and pray the prayer of Nehemiah, "Now therefore, O God, strengthen my bonds."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN R. JONES
CLIFTON PREVETTE

Song: "Sweeping Through the Gates."

At this time the Moderator appointed the following committees: Resolutions: Trellia Kilby, L. G. Billings and O. C. Rhodes.

Time, place and preacher: Clifton Prevette, Haywood Brown, and Lonnie Billings.

A very inspiring talk was made on Christian Education by Rev. M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill College.

The following report on resolutions was submitted:

We, the committee on Resolutions, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Walnut Grove Church and community for their kindness

and hospitality shown us during this Association and for the fine dinner.

May Gods blessings be with you both now and forever.

Respectfully submitted,

TRELIA KILBY
L. G. BILLINGS
O. C. RHODES

Report adopted.

At this time the Moderator recognized Mrs. Eva Gilliam, wife of our late former Moderator, Brother J. A. Gilliam. Mrs. Gilliam and her daughter have the past minutes of the Stone Mountain Association bound in one volume with the exception of minutes for the years 1902 and 1911 and would like very much to have these two copies if anyone should happen to find them among their old papers.

Song: "The Unclouded Day."

A very inspiring talk on "Charity and Children" was brought by Rev. Marsh Grant of Mills Home.

At this time it was brought to our attention by Brother M. L. Blevins that there had been a very serious tragedy in the home of one of our ministers namely Brother Charlie Richardson, in the fatal self inflicted, accidental shooting of his daughter. Prayer and sympathy were offered, and an offering of \$10 was made to help bear the expense to the family.

At this time Brother John R. Jones of Baptist Home made a short talk paying respect to the late Rev. Callie Blevins, one of the founders of Walnut Grove Church and the father of many of the people of this community bearing his name. Exhortation of appreciation for Brother Callie Blevins was made by Rev. G. W. Curry and Brother Mack Pruitt.

After an old fashioned hand shake service with the ministers and the children of Brother Callie Blevins, the first day of this session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Luffman.

SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 22

The second day of the session was held with Union Baptist Church.

Songs: "Send the Light."

"Standing on the Promises."

The Devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. A. A. Staley, pastor of Union Church, reading from the sixth chapter of Galations and a prayer.

A total of 13 ministers was recognized in todays session.

The following report was read by Mrs. Marie Royal:

REPORT ON THE SABBATH SCHOOLS

The theme for our work this year is, "Take Your Family to Sunday School." We should put forth every effort we reasonably can to see our families are enrolled in the local Sunday School. Will we set a goal to see how many entire families we can get to attend our schools this year?

We have too many fathers and mothers who send their children to Sunday School and don't go themselves. This should not be. The parents are the leaders of their children, naturally the child looks to them for spiritual advice and leadership. We feel that the child should have the needed help that comes from going with Daddy and Mother to the Sunday School. Let us urge that all go as one to the church every Sunday. United in Sunday School, united in Bible Study, united in prayer life and united in Church Membership. In the efforts of working as one we win our children to Christ.

Let us give thought to ways and means of better serving in the different channels of our church and Sunday School life. The teach-

ing program of our Master is carried out by our schools. This is God's way and we can profit by enlisting in it and urging all to do likewise. "Take your family to Sunday School."

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE ROYALL
GWYN HAYES
MACK PRUITT

The report was adopted by the Association and very ably discussed by each member of the committee.

Song: "He Leadeth Me."

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Resolutions for the second days sessin: Rev. David Cockerham, Rev. Jesse Yale, Brother G. B. Crabbe.

The following report was read by Mrs. W. W. Luffman:

THE ORPHANAGE REPORT

"Home Sweet Home," the dearest place on earth, especially for the children. Regardless of how poor or lowly it might be it's still home for every member of the family.

For the unfortunate homeless children, thanks to the Baptist of North Carolina for establishing and maintaining a home, a Paradise of earth.

This is one great way of serving our Master, "caring for the little ones who have no one to care for them and cannot care for themselves."

May we ever keep this Flag waving high. May we support this great institution with our means and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. LUFFMAN
L. G. BILLINGS
EDITH SMOOT

The report was adopted by the Association and discussed very ably by Brother Evan Colvard.

The following Hospital Report was read by Mrs. Jesse Yale:

Our North Carolina Hospital at Winston-Salem ministers to the sick from all parts of the state. Those of limited means made over 26,000 visits to the out patient department last year, each receiving examinations and treatment. The free service to those unable to pay their bills or pay only part cost the Hospital over \$167,000, and the Mother's Day offering was only \$140,000.

We believe when Christ said go teach all nations, he also meant for his disciples to minister to the sick and helpless, according to the New Testament teachings and the work of Christ while here. Now the work is left in our hands. Will we N. C. Baptist show our brotherly love and compassion for the sick by making the North Carolina Baptist Hospital a monument of love and mercy, and an honor to the work of Christ. Our Hospital will only be as great as we make it.

Respectfully,

MRS. JESSE YALE
W. R. HANDY
FRANK HUFFMAN

The report was adopted by the Association and the committee gave the time for discussion to Dr. W. K. McGee, of the Baptist Hospital, who gave a very enlightening talk on the work being done by the Hospital.

Rev. Jimmy Hayes, from the North Carolina Baptist Home for the Aging, gave a talk on his work and submitted the following report which was adopted by the Association.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR THE AGING

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention in its November, 1950 session authorized the committee on the Home for the Aging to make plans for the opening and operation of our Home for the Aging as soon as the committee might find a way to meet the cost of equipping and operating. Because of the drive to raise money for the construction of the new wing to the Baptist Hospital, the Convention instructed the committee for the Home not to expect direct help from the Baptist State Convention during the year 1951.

On January 9, the committee on the Home elected Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, superintendent of the Home, and Miss Edna Heinzerling, director of Nurses of the Baptist Hospital, to serve as supervisor of our Home. The committee decided to open the Home for residents when sufficient funds became available to begin.

There are many evidences of the Lord's favor upon the Home thus far. In the first place, He led in making a home immediately available. Ten years ago the trustees of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College leased a three-story, brick-constructed, fireproof building, with an elevator, for a period of 25 years for \$1.00 a year. The committee on the Home was able to secure this building for 15 years at the same rental price. The building accomodates 20 residents at present. The top floor, if completed, would give space for 16 additional residents. The completion of this floor would cost approximately \$23,000. With more than 100 applications for admission already received, and inquiries coming almost daily, one can easily see the pressing need of more space.

The Home has been greatly helped by the gifts received—furniture, office equipment, heating system, blankets, linens, towels, and many other items, as well as discounts on supplies necessary to be purchased. Although the Home has been operating only since March 16, it now has assets approximating \$50,000, and is not operating in the red.

Our residents range in age from 67 to 91 years, and come from widely scattered sections of North Carolina—from Franklin to Elizah—has assets approximating \$50,000, and is not operating in the red.

Regardless of the sections from which they come, they are a happy, congenial family, all rejoicing in the opportunity to live in the Home. The attitudes of all the residents is well expressed in the brief statements of Miss Bertha Callaway, former matron of Mills Home Orphanage: "I like this good Christian home;" and of Mrs. Carroll: "I wouldn't exchange it for any other."

The Home offers four things to those who come to live there: security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. With this sort of program, North Carolina Baptists can add years to life, and life to years for those who reside in our Baptist Home for the Aging.

One donor said when he sent his check to the Home: "I believe in this practical kind of Christianity. North Carolina Baptists have waited too long to begin it." Surely it is practical, for Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The committee on the Home has challenged North Carolina Baptists to build a home adequate to meet the need of the increasing number of old people from 65 years up. Their program calls for a million dollar plant, which would accomodate 270 residents. With the Lord leading and North Carolina Baptists cooperating, such a plant should be built and in operation within a few years.

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O, God, forsake me not."—(Psalm 71:18)

Song: "Are You Washed in the Blood"

A sermon by Rev. Baltus Holbrook was delivered as charge to the churches using as a subject "Getting up Time," scripture reading taken from Romans: 13 and a portion of the book of Ephesians. Prayer was led by Rev. M. L. Blevins.

The Association was dismissed for the noon hour by Rev. L. E. Sparks and a bountiful table prepared on the grounds by members of the host church was enjoyed by all.

SATURDAY P. M.

Song: "Glory to His Name."

Devotional by Rev. Jesse Yale reading the first Psalm and a prayer.

On motion, Brother and Sister Jesse Yale were unanimously re-elected as Hospital Representatives.

The following report was read by Brother Mack Pruitt.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

The Christian people of America are facing a serious problem in the matter of temperance in many ways, especially in strong drink. In Proverbs 23:21 we read: "The drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." We have a law of separation of Church and State. Our first step as Christians is obedience to God's law, then allegiance to our country. Some of our 20th Century leaders have led America well on its way to drunkenness and debauchery. We cannot talk and pray temperance in God's work and support drunken politicians to rule our country. As long as we do that God says he will laugh at our calamity and mock when our fear cometh.

A good Christian is always a good citizen. Again God said: "When the wicked rule, the nations mourn." We recommend that we as Baptist first abstain from the use of narcotics and then use our influence and franchise to stamp out the manufacture and sale of whiskey, wine and beer, and be temperate in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PRUITT
JONES MAYBERRY
EVERETT HICKS

Report adopted. Comment by Brother Mack Pruitt.

Song: "At The Cross."

The following report was read by Miss Winnie Smith:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Education can never train a soul into the kingdom of Heaven, but Christian education is a powerful ally of soul winning. Christian education is a process of preparing the soil and planting the seed. It is a necessity.

Just because we haven't a college education doesn't excuse any one of us from working for the Master.

In the home the basal opportunity is found for the religious education. The Sunday School, B. T. U., Bible School, and other organizations of the church is training workers in Christian education. Let's not take these organizations so much for granted, but let's give them our full support.

In order that our churches progress in the kingdom work, we must have Christian leadership. We have colleges, seminaries, missionary

training schools, and various other organizations to further the Christian education.

I should like to ask you as members of the Stone Mountain Association a few questions. Did your church have a part in supporting the work of the colleges and seminaries last year? Do you as members of the Stone Mountain Association, and members and delegates of the individual churches ever pray for workers in the service of the Lord? Do you pray for those in the seminaries and colleges? If you do, well and good. If you do not, you have the opportunity to do so.

The Bible teaches "Study to show thyself approved unto God." Also in Revelations we read "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein, for the time is at hand."

Respectfully submitted,

WINNIE SMITH

C. B. SETTLE

MRS. DACY HAYNES

The following report was read by Rev. M. L. Blevins:

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS RELIEF

We honor with our words and with our hearts the aged minister who has devoted his life to the betterment of God's Kingdom. We are mindful of their sacrifices and hardships, and the many disadvantages under which they have labored. The pioneer preacher has made us what we are and what we enjoy today. As we pay tribute to these great and gallant soldiers, we become concerned about their financial standing in their last days. We have not sponsored the financial program as we should, and we must do more for their security. The Minister's Relief help is along the way of their dependence but not enough for them to depend entirely upon what they secure through this aid. We have an obligation to fill here and may we give thought to that obligation.

For present pastors, our Convention has worked out a plan to be of assistance to our preachers. Unless the churches cooperate in this work, they are shut out of the intended help. If the local churches will work out some plan of financial system then all pastors can get in on this plan. If the church will give 2 per cent of the pastor's salary, the pastor give 2 per cent, then the State Convention will add 2 per cent to this amount. This is accumulative and at the age of 65, or upon being disabled, the preacher is placed upon retirement. We recommend that our churches take steps to get this plan working. It could be in days to come many that are lenient in their giving to the aged minister may feel that he should have gotten into the plan of security that was available to him.

We have a workable plan for the preachers security. Let's take advantage of it and get the pastor in on this.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BLEVINS

CONNIE HAYNES

ETHEL JENNINGS

Report adopted.

The following report on Resolutions was read by Rev. David Cockerham:

We, the committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

First, that we be content with the will of God in working with his people and thank him for the blessings of life.

Second, that we thank our Moderator and Clerk for the services

they have given us in the past year, and pledge our service in the coming year for the good of our country and the glory of God.

Third, that we thank the people of Union Church for their hospitality and for the service they have given.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. DAVID COCKERHAM
G. B. CRABBE
J. W. YALE

Report adopted by the Association. Brother Odell Whittington made a talk in which he introduced Miss Elizabeth Klausner of Bavaria, Germany, who is now staying in the Whittington home for the school year, having been brought to America by the Grange on a tour for promotion of good will between the two countries.

Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher made the following report:

Our next Association will be held on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1952, place Pleasant Ridge Church on Friday, preacher, Rev. David Cockerham. On Saturday, Elkspar Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON PREVETTE
HEYWOOD BROWN
LONNIE BILLINGS

Committee.

Report adopted. The following report on Pastor and Church Relations was read by Mrs. Winfrey Luffman.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

The relationship of Pastor and Church is as a shepherd and his flock. He it is who must keep the flock together as a unit and moving in the same direction; he it is who must round up the straying ones. It is he who must feed the flock on food suitable for them. It is he who must protect them from enemies who would destroy. It is he who must lead them in paths of righteousness; it is he who must pour oil on troubled waters. It is he who must assume responsibility of leading the church forward to expect great things of God and attempt great things for God.

Of the church it is required that they support the pastor financially, cooperate with him in going forward with the work of the church, hold him up with prayer and, love and look to him for leadership as the minister of God.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN
MRS. RAY DIETZ
SANKY WILES

The report was adopted by the Association and very ably discussed by Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, Rev. W. B. Luffman and Mack Pruitt.

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association was closed by singing "Amazing Grace" and "O Happy Day" and a handshake service.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Received by baptism.....	89
Received by letter and other additions.....	52
Total Gain	141
Loss by death, transfer, etc.....	63
Net Gain	78

TREASURER'S REPORT

Minute fund received from churches.....	\$95.48
Paid to publishing company for 700 minutes	\$135.30

DELEGATES

Baptist Home—John McGrady, J. G. Kilby, John R. Jones.
 Benham—H. F. Byrd, Ossie Yarbore, Ted Settle.
 Bethel—J. G. Mayberry, Otto Rhodes, H. E. Elledge.
 Chestnut Grove—Connie Haynes, Clarence Key, McKinley Absher.
 Dehart—W. R. Handy, Joe Brown, D. L. Porter.
 Elkspur—H. J. Royal, Quincy Royal, L. M. Higgins.
 Fairplains—Arthur Marlowe, Wiley Brooks, Carry Johnson.
 Flint Hill—Garland Reeves, Annie Roland, Lola Blackburn.
 Haymeadow—R. N. Elledge, V. M. Harrold, Johnny Myers.
 Knobbs—Clyde Lyons, Brady Cheek, C. S. Lyons.
 Maple Grove—A. C. Yale, C. C. Blevins, Oscar Felts.
 Mt. Pisgah—Thurmond Holloway, L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher.
 Mt. Zion—J. H. Faq, L. E. Shumate, Jay Johnson.
 Mtn. Valley—J. C. Kilby, G. T. Foster, Mrs. G. T. Foster.
 Mtn. View—Luther Elledge, Troy Perry, Eldon Woodruff.
 New Light—Lewis Garriss, R. V. Garriss, Clifton Prevette.
 Oak Grove—Noah Griffin, Sarah Owens, Heg Miller.
 Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, W. R. Bowers, J. W. Mayberry.
 Pleasant Ridge—Bryant Carter, Burt Hutchins, Mrs. Walker Luffman.
 Pleasant View—Harvey Hanes, Raymond Shaw, Mrs. Raymond Shaw.
 Roaring Gap—W. R. Dejournette, Charlie Hanks, Guy Crouse.
 Rock Springs—Delbert Myers, A. V. Hall, W. M. Absher.
 Stony Ridge—G. B. Crabbe, Sankey Wiles, David L. Pruitt.
 Traphill—Mrs. Roy Billings, Glenn Brown, H. G. Pruitt.
 Union—Odell Whittington, Frank Huffman, Jesse South.
 Walnut Grove—Mrs. Pauline P. Handy, Mrs. Vea Blevins, Mrs. Verna Brooks.

OUR DEAD

Elk Spur—Deacon John A. Royal.
 Fairplains—J. Elzevan Blackburn.
 Flint Hill—Mr. Claude Stone.
 Haymeadow—Mrs. Naomi Alexander, Mrs. Clemmie Harrold, Mrs. R. J. Myers.
 Mt. Zion—Mrs. Alvira Wingler.
 Mtn. Valley—Mr. Troy Kilby.
 New Light—Mr. Lee Caudill.
 Piney Grove—Mr. John Adams, Miss Cleracy Cleary.
 Pleasant Ridge—Mr. William Smith.
 Pleasant View—W. R. Hanes, Aldean Blevins.
 Stony Ridge—Mrs. Ora Bauguess.
 Union—Mrs. Nancy Dancy.

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES		Location	Rural	V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES		Gains—Losses			T O T A L			Special Information			
									Baptisms	Letters and Other Adds	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-res. Members	Grand Total Pres. Members	Revival Meetings Held	No. Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Members asked to Pledge to Church Budget
Baptist Home		R			1880	2 & 4	Harvey White, Taylorsville	3	1		3	193	25	218	2	2		no
Benham		R			1917	1 & 3	W. B. Luffman, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro		1		1			208	2		no	no
Bethel		R			1887	2	W. B. Luffman, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro	7	1		3			212	1		no	no
Chestnut Grove		R			1900	3	Albert Pruitt, North Wilkesboro.	6	6		1			88	2		no	no
Dehart		R			1879	2	Major Caudill, Springfield	5						130	2		no	no
Elk Spur		R			1900	2	Harrison Barker, Roaring River.	2	2		1	33	36	69	1		no	no
Fairplains		V				1 & 3	Clate Brown, Oakwoods	26	7		7			388	3	2	no	no
Flint Hill		R				1 & 3	C. O. Richardson, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro	6			3	175	30	205	1		no	no
Haymeadow		R			1906	3	J. T. Hendrix, Hays		3		3			186	1		no	no
Knobs		V			1906	2 & 4	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River.	2			1	84	42	128	1		no	no
Maple Grove		R			1932	1 & 3	B. R. Holbrook, Jonesville	9	4		7			200	2	8	no	no
Mt. Pisgah		R			1879	1	Ernest Blevins, Hays	1	1			63	40	103	2		no	no
Mt. Zion		R			1898	4	Albert Byrd, North Wilkesboro		1		1			70	1		no	no
Mountain Valley		R			1902	2 & 4	Iredell Osborn, Cricket.	1			3	100	34	134	2		no	no
Mountain View		V			1912	2 & 4	Glenn Huffman, North Wilkesboro.	7	9		4	90	15	105			no	no
New Light		R				2	C. O. Richardson, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro				2			127	2		no	no
Oak Grove		R				4	Grant G. Miller, Wilbar							8	2		no	no
Piney Grove		R			1888	4	L. E. Sparks & A. L. Gambill, Dockery				2				2		no	no
Pleasant Ridge		R			1907	1	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	10	2		4	194	46	240	3	2	no	no
Pleasant View		R			1946	2 & 4	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	3	6		7			169	3		no	no
Roaring Gap		R			1901	1	Hillery Blevins, Hays		1		1	151	75	226	3	3	no	no
Rock Springs		R			1904	2 & 4	C. W. Bryant, R. 1, North Wilkesboro				3	150		150	2		no	no
Stony Ridge		R			1905	3	L. E. Sparks, Dockery				2	97		97	2		no	no
Traphill		V			1887	1 & 3	C. W. Bryant, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.							65	1		no	no
Union		R			1911	3	A. A. Staley, Reddies River	2	2		1	100	66	166	2	2	no	no
Walnut Grove		R			1902	1	M. L. Blevins, Hays	4	2		4			260	2		no	no

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll											Vacation Bible Sch. Enrollment	Average Attendance
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Occ. Not Counted	Grand Total S. S.	Enrollment	Average Attendance		
Baptist Home.....	Wade H. Barlow, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	20	19	23	27	22	26	71	17	225	162	136	92	92
Benham.....	David Cockerham, Benham.....	12	21	21	25	65	25	25	177	114	64	56	56	56
Bethel.....	M. A. Miller, Hays.....	25	12	12	15	10	30	2	120	90	35	35	35	35
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Reddies River.....	10	16	7	12	5	38	38	5	50	35	35	35	35
Dehart.....	W. R. Handy, McGrady.....													
Elk Spur.....	Heywood Brown, Traphill.....													
Fairplains.....	Bruce Dearman, North Wilkesboro.....	37	26	28	27	40	17	130	13	318	190	92	82	82
Flint Hill.....	Louie Blackburn, North Wilkesboro.....	33	14	32	13	41	7	130	7	130	90			
Haymeadow.....	J. M. Harrold, Hays.....	14	12	20	17	32	95	73						
Knobs.....	R. S. Dameron, Traphill.....	40	12	20	43	4	119	73	4	119	73			
Maple Grove.....	Sherill Pendry, Hays.....	6	15	10	16	14	22	33	116	89				
Mt. Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery.....	4	5	8	10	14	11	12	6	70	35	30	22	22
Mt. Zion.....	L. H. Shumate, Reddies River.....	10	10	6	3	8	6	37	6	37	33			
Mountain Valley.....	Mrs. E. A. Higgins, R. 1, Reddies River.....	12	18	18	14	21	59	152		108	50	39	39	39
Mountain View.....	Vernon Woodruff, Hays.....	23	20	22	25	60	140	65	140	65	40	31	31	31
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....	22	11	11	28	4	75	60	4	75	60	35	30	30
Oak Grove.....	Cavil Owens, Wilbar.....	2	4	3	4	3	6	22	20	22	20			
Piney Grove.....	J. W. Mayberry, Dockery.....	7	6	25	5	43	35		5	43	35			
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. W. Carter, State Road.....	6	14	12	24	18	23	63	3	100	97	100	88	88
Pleasant View.....	Harvey Haynes, State Road.....	25	29	23	40	43	79	248	9	248	163			
Roaring Gap.....	J. D. Nicholson, Thurmond.....	4	13	18	39	40	8	122	8	122	94	59	51	51
Rock Springs.....	Gilbert Handy, Halls Mills.....	3	2	5	6	12	8	25		60	28			
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill.....	10	6	10	20	33	23	7	83	57				
Traphill.....	Glenn Brown, Traphill.....	10	6	10	11	3	20	20	3	30	20			
Union.....	Odell Whittington, Reddies River.....	10	10	10	20	20	20	40	35	40	35	35	35	35
Walnut Grove.....	Will Gambill, Springfield.....	10	6	14	15	18	20	89	6	89	47			

TABLE C—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATIONS, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuitiy, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Baptist Home	John McGrady, R. 1, North Wilkesboro	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Benham	Clifford Jordan, Benham	6	17						52	20	\$ 89	\$3988
Bethel	Jasper G. Chipman, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro							30	50		75	1489
Chestnut Grove	Connie Haynes, Reddies River		7					2	1		80	4300
Dehart	L. O. Handy, Hays										15	241
Elk Spur	H. J. Royal, Roaring Gap								16			191
Fairplains	Lonnie Haynes, R. 1, North Wilkesboro	16	127	15	52	55	12	196	200	71	16	64
Flint Hill	Garland Reeves, R. 2, North Wilkesboro								45		750	2903
Haymeadow	R. M. Elledge, Hays		23					5	29		45	651
Knobbs	C. S. Lyons, Traphill							12	16		34	567
Maple Grove	Wayne Dancy, North Wilkesboro		248				172	135	33		28	696
Mt. Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery	10	66					10	6	5	98	544
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Helen Shumate, North Wilkesboro							7	10		17	691
Mountain Valley	Gordon T. Foster, Reddies River	4							48		52	1591
Mountain View	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays		69					35	45		149	1437
New Light	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	4	22	2				3	12		43	341
Oak Grove	Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar								1		1	38
Piney Grove	H. J. Spicer, Abshers		5								5	150
Pleasant Ridge	Burr Hutchinson, Elkin	17	100	30	19	23		84	45	6	323	1414
Pleasant View	Lonnie Crabbe, State Road				135			212	60		406	2709
Roaring Gap	Raymond DeJournette, Traphill	5	94			20		25	51		195	4681
Rock Springs	Delbert Myers, Halls Mills							15	10		25	478
Stony Ridge	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill		60					20	10		90	556
Traphill	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill		43					10	34		87	420
Union	Evan Colvard, Wilbar	35	118					50	41		244	873
Walnut Grove	Bob Johnson, Springfield			105				9	40		154	946

TABLE D—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance,	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	\$3874		\$ 75	\$1500	\$196	\$ 20	\$230	\$840	\$208	\$3268	\$332	\$3899	\$50000
Benham.....	Cletus B. Settle, Benham	1489		39		75		30	1000	50	1194	220	1414	
Bethel.....	Jasper G. Chipman, N. Wilkesboro	2783	28	69	3805	50		70			4022	198	4220	12000
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Reddies River	241		48		24		16		13	102	125	227	
Dehart.....	L. O. Handy, Hays	191				4		42		78	124	68	191	
Elk Spur.....	H. J. Royal, Roaring Gap	64								25	25	23	48	1000
Fairplains.....	Mrs. Orville Warren, N. Wilkesboro	5834	360	64		293	148	210		706	1106	1078	2148	12000
Flint Hill.....	Mrs. J. D. Morrison, N. Wilkesboro	651			180	31		70			281	325	606	
Haymeadow.....	R. M. Elledge, Hays	470	10			97	45			133	284	248	532	4000
Knobbs.....	M. H. Key, Traphill	696			520	53		12			585	83	668	
Maple Grove.....	Glenn Dancy, Jr., Hays	4243	69	130	1296	92	86	276	600	25	2597	1056	3653	
Mt. Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, Dockery	554		249		47					296	150	296	1800
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. Helen Shumate, N. Wilkesb.	637	70			28				111	609	75	684	3000
Mountain Valley.....	Sylvian Kilby, R. 1, Wilkesboro	1768		50	613	16	50	268	300	48	1345	193	1539	
Mountain View.....	C. E. Billings, Hays	1509	60	139		43	16	72		67	398	890	1288	10000
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	341				22		16		152	190	109	298	1750
Oak Grove.....	Sarah Owens, Wilbar	58				5				17	22	35	37	
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Brown, Abshers	145				15		30			45	100	145	
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Wilsie Draughn, State Road	3046		30		124	400			150	704	387	1091	3500
Pleasant View.....	G. A. Chambers, State Road	3031	120	659		130		230			1139	1164	2303	10000
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. W. R. DeJournette, Traphill	2047	65	48	2980	94	224	224		566	4206	248	4486	10000
Rock Springs.....	Delbert Myers, Halls Mills	478		28			125		200		353	100	453	3000
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billings, Lomax	556		120	100	35		77			332	134	466	2500
Traphill.....	Mrs. D. C. Castevens, Traphill	69				18	51		75	14	175	175	333	1750
Union.....	Frank Huffman, Reddies River	873		15	269	32	20	54			389	240	382	3000
Walnut Grove.....	Arless Caudill, Springfield	946		10	470			55		138	672	120	792	

TABLE E—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Beginners Units	Primary Units	Junior Units	Intermed. Units	Y. P. Units	Adult Units	Total No. Units	Beginners Enrol'd	Primaries Enrol'd	Juniors Enrolled	Intermed. Enrol'd	Y. P. Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	Grand Total Enr.	Av. Attendance
Baptist Home.....	Gwyn Caudill, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	12	10	17	24	23	27	119	71
Fairplains.....	Bruce Hall, R. 2, North Wilkesboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	11	14	15	12	27	85	47	
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. Marie Royal, Thurmond	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	28	27	32	89	56	99	

TABLE F—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	G. A. Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers	All Organizations
Baptist Home.....	Mrs. Gwyn Caudill, R. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	1	1	2	30	30	838	2	2
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Wiley Darnell, State Road	1	1	2	25	25	25	1	1
Traphill.....	Mrs. Edith Pruitt, Traphill	1	1	2	8	8	8	8	8

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The next session will be held with Traphill Baptist Church, Traphill, N. C., on Friday, September 25th and with Roaring Gap Baptist Church, R. 1, Traphill, N. C., on Saturday, September 26, 1953. Sermon on Friday by Rev. M. L. Blevins and on Saturday sermon by Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Glenn Dancy	R. 1, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
E. H. Blevins, ...	R. 1, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
John McGrady	R. 1, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
N. P. Myers	Hays, N. C.
Carey Johnson	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

B. W. Carter	State Road, N. C.
Harvey Haynes	State Road, N. C.
Cletus Settle	Benham, N. C.
Mackey Royal	Thurmond, N. C.

PASTORS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

James Adams	Benham
Jesse Adams	North Wilkesboro
B. H. Barker	Roaring River
Ernest Blevins	Hays
Hillery Blevins	Hays
J. A. Blevins	Hays
James Blevins	Wilkesboro
Minter L. Blevins	Hays
S. L. Blevins	Hays
T. E. Blevins	Abshers
Clate Brown	Oakwoods
J. W. Brown	Abshers
Watson Bryant	R. 1, North Wilkesboro
John Burcham	Roaring River
Marvin Burcham	Elkin
Albert Byrd	North Wilkesboro
Willis Byrd	R. 1, North Wilkesboro
Major Caudill	Springfield
S. T. Childress	Hillsville, Va.
Carl Cockerham	Roaring River
David Cockerham	Elkin
W. F. Cooper	Traphill
G. W. Curry	Traphill
E. O. Douglas	McGrady
Roy Franklin	Hays
A. L. Gambill	Moxley
Uriah Hanks	Springfield
A. B. Hays	Hays
J. E. Hays	R. 1, North Wilkesboro
J. T. Hendrix	Hays
Grant Hinch	Hays
Raymond Hodge	Traphill
B. R. Holbrook	Jonesville
J. G. Huffman	R. 1, North Wilkesboro
A. A. Johnson	Hays
Lester Johnson	Hays
John Kilby	R. 1, North Wilkesboro
W. B. Luffman	R. 2, North Wilkesboro
Amos Lyons	Benham
O. B. Mayberry	R. 1, North Wilkesboro
D. C. Miller	Hays
Ernest Miller	Hays
Grant Miller	Wilbar

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Warren Norman	Mountain Park
G. W. Prevette	Roaring River
Albert Pruitt	North Wilkesboro
Gar Pruitt	Elkin
Robert Pruitt	R. 1, Traphill
Thurman Ratliff	North Wilkesboro
Charlie Richardson	R. 2, North Wilkesboro
L. E. Sparks	Moxley
Arlie Simmons	Thurmond
A. A. Staley	Reddies River
E. R. Wiles	Traphill
Woodrow Wishon	State Road
Banner Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Odell Wyatt	North Wilkesboro
Jesse Yale	North Wilkesboro

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates chosen by the churches and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church letters certifying their appointments, communicating information relative to the state of the church and may make an oral report of the interests and progress thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator a Clerk and Treasurer. The last two offices may be held by the same brother. These elections may be held in such a way as the Association may direct.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order and to perform other duties pertaining to the office. In the absence of the Moderator the Vice-Moderator shall perform these duties.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds received and all monies paid out and shall make a report of same every three months to the clerk of each church.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all plans for each annual meeting of the Association; to consider all letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding associations or our State Baptist Board requiring any attention thereon, and to report same back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall be considered as an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be in the province of the Association to correspond with nearby sister associations of our faith and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

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12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and for this purpose there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, including the Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to direct such work; to approve receipts and disbursements of funds and any other duty the Association may direct.

14th. At each annual session there may be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers Relief, Home for the Aging, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes, Time, Place and Preacher for the next session and any other reports the Association deems necessary.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place or places as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish churches with minutes of her proceedings and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that this may be compiled in the minutes. Each church shall also urge their Pastor to attend each annual session of the Association and make provisions to enable him to do so.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members concurring; the churches having been previously notified.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God shall never fall finally away.
6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
8. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met Friday, September 26, 1952, with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and Saturday, September 27, 1952, with Elk Spur Baptist Church.

Song by congregation, "Heavenly Sunlight."

Devotional exercise by Rev. J. S. Powers with prayer by Rev. S. L. Blevins.

Roll Call of Churches.

Preachers present: Rev. L. E. Sparks, Rev. S. L. Blevins, Rev. Woodrow Wishon, Rev. David Cockerham, Rev. John G. Burcham, Rev. W. B. Luffman, Rev. Jesse Yale, Rev. M. L. Blevins, Rev. George Curry, Rev. David Cockerham, Rev. J. S. Powers, Rev. W. F. Cooper, Rev. Burch Handy, Rev. A. A. Staley and Rev. Henry White.

The Association was called to order by ~~Rev.~~ C. C. Blevins in the absence of the Moderator, Bro. Glenn Dancy, who was too ill to attend.

On motion reading of church letters was dispensed with.

The following visitors were present: Rev. W. A. Eichelberger of Caldwell, Miss Daphne Boone of South Yadkin and Rev. Willie Ham, of Alleghany.

Report of Committee on Arrangements adopted.

Motion to defer report of Executive Committee until afternoon session adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

Stone Mountain Association — Year 1951-1952

This, the third report of your Associational Missionary, gives the activities of his work from the date of Sept. 1951 to and including the month of August 1952. The report gives work carried on in and out of the Association in carrying on the duties that we feel has to do with the progress of the Kingdom work. There has been duties done that perhaps will not be reported in this brief outline.

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Morganton to Sunday School Planning Meeting, (1 trip), Brushy Mountain Planning Meeting, (1 trip). Alleghany Association, (2 trips). Funerals (6). Associational-Wide Sunday School Study Course Meeting (1). N. C. Baptist State Convention, (2 days). Associational-Wide Evangelistic Meetings, (2 Meetings). Brotherhood Meeting (1). Vacation Bible School Clinic, (1). Dedication of Churches, (Preached two sermons). Sunday School Study Courses assisted in teaching and other aid, (11 churches). Vacation Bible Schools, (10). B. T. U. Course, (1). Ordination services, (2). New B. T. U. organized, (1). Trips to Baptist Hospital, (7), to Wilkes Hospital, (9). Revivals held, (12). New Converts, (18). New Church Members, (23). Visits to various churches, not including revival work, (81). Individual conferences, (237), groups, (35), committee. (16). Pastors School, North Wilkesboro, N. C. (13 sessions).

Dear Fellow Workers, in submitting this report, I do so with a deep feeling of humility and realizing my short-comings. I am aware that I have done little, but I also submit it with a clear feeling that God has blessed your efforts and the aid given in this work. My prayers are that we may see greater things accomplished in our beloved Association. I want to say I thank all the Sunday School Superintendents, and the Pastors who have stood by us in our efforts. Also, thanks to our Moderator and various committees. God bless every one who has taken a part in this work. May God's blessing be on all.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Blevins, Missionary

The report was adopted by the association.

On motion report of clerk was adopted.

Report of Moderator read by Bro. Carrol Dancy. On motion report adopted. At this time Bro. Glenn Dancy tendered his resignation as Moderator, and his resignation was accepted.

On motion it was ordered that the Association adopt a new constitution.

Organization: ~~Bro.~~ C. C. Blevins was elected Moderator and Bro. Carrol Dancy Vice Moderator.

On motion it was ordered that the office of Clerk-Treasurer be separated and that the association elect a Clerk and Treasurer. The house was declared open for nominations for clerk and the names of Odell Whittington, Cletus Settle and Bro. Hutchinson were placed in nomination. Bros. Settle and Hutchinson withdrew their names and Bro. Odell Whittington was unanimously elected clerk.

~~Bro.~~ Jasper G. Chipman was re-elected treasurer.

Finance Committee: Ransom Elledge and R. J. Johnson.

Sermon by Rev. David Cockerham using the 23rd Psalm.

Resolutions Committee: Rev. W. B. Luffman and Bros. Otto Rhodes and John McGrady.

On motion Rev. Minter L. Blevins was elected for half-time Mission Worker.

Visiting ministers in the afternoon: Rev. Clate Brown and Rev. Thomas Luffman.

Benediction by Rev. John Burcham.

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Saturday Morning — Elk Spur Baptist Church

Songs: "How Firm a Foundation", "Unclouded Day".

Devotional exercise by Rev. B. H. Barker singing a solo: "He's Passing Along This Way." Reading Col. 3rd. Song: "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by Rev. B. H. Barker.

Preachers of the association not present yesterday. Rev. B. H. Barker.

Visitors present: Rev. Ramon Nelson, Mars Hill, Rev. W. C. Reid, of The Baptist Orphanage, and Mrs. Reid; Mrs. Frances and Mrs. Bengé, of Alleghany.

Very interesting and instructive talks on our hospital were made by Mrs. Jesse Yale, Rev. Jesse Yale and Rev. George Curry. On motion report was adopted.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The Baptist Hospital and Bowman School of Medicine work together and have made these two one of the great medical centers of the Southland. This co-operation is the means of giving to thousands of people in all walks of life the advantage of having the needed services of the great specialists of our present day. The Out-Patient Department alone has taken care of almost 50,000 visits this past year. Many of these were unable to pay any of the charges, still many of them went in the surgery and under the skill of a specialist. Many were there for weeks without cost to them or their families. Some of these people you are acquainted with for they have come from many sections in our own communities. The only way that this great work can be kept going is by our own means and willingness to share and take care of our unfortunates. We must do this, in a greater way than ever before. Our Mothers' Day Offerings must be placed upon the hearts of all the folks and let them know the importance in carrying on this ministry. We are working and praying for a greater and larger building. Let's do our part so that many unable to be taken care of now can be done so by the added space of more rooms. Will we work harder and pray more for God to use us in a greater way, in His healing ministry this coming year? We serve God, only, as we serve others.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Yale

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink; that putteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunken also that thou mayest look upon his nakedness. Thou art filled with shame for glory. Drink thou, also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered; the cup of the Lord's right hand shall be turned unto thee and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory. The companions of liquor are: Strife, murder, suffering, sorrow and poverty. The user of liquor has turned into the paths of wicked men and his character will show the marks of sin. Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath complaining? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? Who hath a family clothed in rags, hungry and broken hearted? They that tarry long at the wine. They that go to seek out mixed wine. We should take a stand against this great evil. Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation lest ye die. It shall be a statute throughout your generation.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. Staley
G. B. Crabbe

Comments by Rev. A. A. Staley and Rev. G. B. Crabbe.
On motion report adopted.

THE ORPHANAGE REPORT

When James, the inspired man of God, undertook to define religion he said, "Pure religion is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." The Baptist denomination was the first group in North Carolina to undertake this noble service on a large scale. During the past sixty-seven years of continuous ministry to homeless children, your orphanage has sent out into the world thousands of well trained and useful citizens.

Our Baptist Orphanage in North Carolina is composed of two homes, Mills Home at Thomasville, and Kennedy Home near Kinston. Mills Home was founded in 1885 and the main offices of the orphanage are located there. Kennedy Home was opened in 1915 and the land was the gift of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kennedy. Since the Baptist Orphanage was opened more than 6,000 homeless boys and girls have been given a chance in life. We should give our thanks to the loyal support of Baptists and others throughout the years.

At present nearly 800 children are being cared for by the Baptist Orphanage. Of this number nearly 400 are at Mills Home and 175 at Kennedy Home.

With the constant increase in the cost of food, clothing, fuel, and other necessities the Orphanage must have more funds to meet rising costs. Many of the buildings are old and must be reworked completely to be liveable.

In this day of high prices you can imagine how much it takes to run a home as large as the Baptist Orphanage. We are told that it takes over \$1,000 a day just for current operating costs, and this figure does not include money spent for expensive equipment and buildings.

In a normal week it takes 735 loaves of bread, 500 pounds of beef, 228 pounds of butter, 250 pounds of sugar and 16 gallons of molasses, in addition to a large amount of vegetables and canned goods. The sewing room turns out garments by the hundreds for the children while the laundry runs through over 10,000 pieces of laundry each week. So you see that the Orphanage is a tremendous undertaking and requires much money each year.

Remember you are giving directly to homeless boys and girls when you are giving to the Baptist Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey White.

The report was adopted by the Association and very ably discussed by Rev. W. C. Reid.

At this time a committee on resolutions was appointed by the Moderator consisting of Rev. Clate Brown, Bro. Frank Huffman and Bro. W. E. Parks.

Song: "Walking in Sunlight"

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Since the report on Christian education in the previous years has stressed the denominational phrase, and since life is too short to finish one's education and few people can afford to spend all their lives in school, nearly everyone has to get his education outside of school.

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The most important lessons of Christian education come to us only as we try to live a Christian life. That is—we get most of our wisdom and skills as we seek to give value for value received.

Christian education as I understand it includes Christian training in the home, in Sunday School, and all phases of Church work; in grade and high school, college and university; on the street or anywhere that instruction in Christian living may be given—by work or by deed.

There is a theory and practice current today that children should not be corrected or punished, but rather decide what they wish to do and act accordingly. This theory is in conflict with the old basic principle that children must be taught what society expects them to do, to act within specific realms of behavior. This is the fundamental doctrine which has come down to us from pre-educators and underlies our educational endeavors today. The moral and ethical truths have always occupied an important place in teaching and are basic for our modern day civilization.

The challenge of Christian education is to obey the moral and ethical standards of God. If we are to obey these standards, we must first believe that a moral order does exist in the universe. I can see no Christian education if moral and ethical training is neglected! Many of us have come to regard an education as a professor pouring various intellectual ingredients into our skulls. As far as the development of clean and constructive habits is concerned, many of us are not interested. The concept of education as being only an objective search for truth is ridiculous and dangerous. I am afraid that in our system of education, the people's ethical and moral training has either been ignored or left to the outside influences.

None of us must compromise on Christian education at such a crucial time, but all of us must be willing to sacrifice, to work, to study, and to seek and follow the guidance of Almighty God.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Clate P. Brown

The report on Christian Education was read by Rev. Clate Brown and discussed by  Paul Gregory and Rev. Ransom Nelson, of Mars Hill.

On motion the report was adopted.

Sermon by Rev. M. L. Blevins who read John 16 and used as a text John 16-8. Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

Dismissed at noon by Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

Afternoon

Song: "Love Lifted Me."

Report: Finance Committee. Minute funds \$135.20.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, the committee on time and place for next meeting of Stone Mountain Association especially request that you meet at the following churches: Traphill Baptist Church, Traphill, N. C., on Friday, September 25th, and on Saturday, September 26, 1953, with the Roaring Gap Baptist Church, R. 1, Traphill, N. C. Preacher for Friday Rev. M. L. Blevins and the preacher for Saturday Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Royal
Mrs. Hattie Brown
Mrs. Lester Royal
W. F. Cooper.

On motion report adopted.

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The following report was submitted by the Committee on Resolutions:

We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and the community for their kindness and hospitality during this association and for the fine dinner.

May God's blessings be with you both now and forever.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. B. Luffman
Otto Rhodes
John McGrady
Committee.

On motion report adopted.

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report.

1st. That we work together in love and christian fellowship.

2nd. That we express our thanks to the leaders of our association.

3rd. That we thank the fine folks of Elk Spur Baptist Church for their kind hospitality, good food and real friendship.

Clate Brown
Frank Huffman
W. E. Parks
Committee

On motion report adopted.

At this time Liberty Knob Church of the Primitive Baptist Association was recognized, and we extend to them our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality and cooperation.

On motion, Rev. Jesse Yale and Mrs. Yale were unanimously re-elected as Hospital Representatives.

On motion, Rev. S. L. Blevins was unanimously elected representative for The Home for the Aging.

At this time the Moderator appointed the following Executive Committee: Glenn Dancy, N. P. Myers, E. H. Blevins, Carey Johnson and John McGrady.

A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of the following, was appointed at this time. B. W. Carter, Cletus Settle, O. C. Rhodes, Harvey Haynes and Mackey Royal.

Song: "I'll Live On."

An offering of \$30.63 was taken at this time for our Hospital Representative, and two charter members of our association, Bros. Pedro Myers and Millard Walker, were recognized.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS RELIEF

As we review the work of the Baptists in this the Stone Mountain Association, our thoughts run back naturally to our old pioneer preachers of God's word. We are mindful of the hardships they went through and the many sacrifices they made and the disadvantages under which they labored in order to secure the foundations of our great denominational programs of today.

We take this opportunity to pay our tribute to the memory of these great men, those that have gone on before, and to express our appreciation for those who still labor with us.

We are happy that our denomination has made provision for those who because of old age or physical infirmities are unable to continue their ministries.

May we take up where they left off and never turn a deaf ear to any appeal that may come from them for material aid.

Rev. L. Sparks
Mrs. Walker Luffman
L. E. Shumate
Committee.

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The report on old ministers relief was read by Rev. L. E. Sparks and on motion report was adopted.

Further discussion of this report by Rev. L. E. Sparks and Rev. John Burcham.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR THE AGING RESTHAVEN, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Operation of Resthaven was begun March 16, 1951. Soon after the opening, it was filled to capacity, twenty resident. When the news spread of the beginning, applications began to accumulate rapidly. To date, there have been close to 500 inquiries. Had there been rooms available, and all applicants could have made financial arrangement, our Home would have had 200 residents instead of only twenty at present.

There is encouraging prospect of getting the top floor of the present building completed, which will provide space for fifteen additional residents. The cost of this enlargement project has been underwritten by a business man of Winston-Salem, who is not a Baptist. This same friend has already donated a television set, and has concreted the basement of the Home.

Our residents range in age from 64 to 92 years, and come from widely scattered sections of our State—Franklin to Elizabeth City. All rejoice in the opportunity to be in the Home. Here are some of their statements:

"I like this good Christian Home and all the family. I would not exchange it for any other in all the world."—Mrs. J. L. Smith, coming from Franklin.

"This 'more than we expected' about this Home makes us all hope and pray that more men and women may come to enjoy its many blessings."—Miss Ella Moffett, coming from Southern Pines.

"I never thought I would be so happy in my last years of life."
—John Holt, age 92, coming from Wilson Mills.

In spite of the fact that Resthaven did not receive financial assistance last year from the Baptist State Convention (except a loan which was repaid), it was operated clear of a deficit. How did this happen? By the Lord laying our needs upon the hearts of friends and causing them to respond. Of course, the Home was compelled to charge the cost of keep from the residents who came on the monthly-pay plan. The income from this source, together with that coming from residents giving property or cash for their maintenance, plus donations by churches and auxiliary organizations and friends, enabled the Home to pay its way and to accumulate assets in excess of \$100,000.00.

Beginning the year 1952, with the new Nine Year Program, our Home receives three-fourths of 1% of the funds to be divided. From this source has come less than \$500.00 per month since January of this year. The Home is estimated to receive a total of approximately \$500,000.00 in NINE YEARS. It is apparent, therefore, that slow provision for enlarged facilities will be made to accommodate the hundreds of aging people who want to come to our Home, unless funds come from other sources than our denominational program as it now operates.

Our Home presents a great challenge to North Carolina Baptists to provide adequate facilities. There are probably 100,000 people in our State past 65 years of age, and a large number of these are of Baptist faith. We must make provision as time and finances permit for these aging Baptists. Since Baptists of our State now number more than 700,000 in membership, we are well able to make such provision. If every Baptist would give an average of \$1.00 to our Home in one year, we could raise \$700,000.00 and not one person would suffer hardship. As soon as a practical and adequate plan of support can be agreed upon, it is reasonable to expect that our Baptist Home will be worthily supported.

Many suggestions have been made as to the best plan of supporting our Home. Among them are: (1) Fifth Sunday offerings through the Sunday schools, as the Virginia Baptist Home plan; (2) special day offering, as the Mother's Day plan for our Baptist Hospital; and (3) putting the Home in the local church budget, and appealing to the churches that have no budget for at least one special offering a year.

Either of these plans, supplemented by such special gifts as may come from individuals and corporations, and provision made in wills, would enable the Home to make reasonable progress, and thus enlarge our facilities on the pay-as-you-go plan.

We are closing our report with a statement made by a prominent furniture manufacturer, Mr. B. C. Philpott, of Lexington, N. C.

"I consider this one of the most important forward steps the Baptists of North Carolina have taken in a long time, because it is indeed a great move and one that has been neglected all too long

Mrs. Philpitt and I want to have a part in this fine undertaking, and herewith you will find my check for one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, which we desire used as a memorial to our son, B. C. Philpott, Jr.

May the Lord continue to bless you in such a noble work."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

Prepared by:

James M. Hayes, Sup't.

Report was discussed in a very interesting manner by Rev. Clifford Prevette and Rev. C. S. Lyons.

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

In the trying days of this age, as men are seeking with all their might to hold on to what peace they have, we as God's agents are to contribute to the needed aid and security of ushering in a more secure peace, the peace of God. Our task can't be of concern, only, in our immediate communities but if we have caught the vision it goes out to all mankind. Perhaps, our slow progress lies in the fact that we are too narrow in our view to the needs and the opportunities we have within our grasp. God helping us may we see our task in the spirit of missions as we should see it as soldiers of the Almighty King. Our

State Baptist Convention has been very liberal in aiding us in Associational missions. We should be thankful for that and show our appreciation by putting our hands to the task and pushing forward in a co-operative manner. Our State mission program is going forward in a fine way but we are dragging our feet and giving too little aid in that work. Will our pastors take the lead and go forward in this phase of the work? The pastor is a leader of his church and if he leads his congregation will follow, if he follows the lead of his people he isn't a pastor but a heirling. His task is to lead and be the means of bringing God's plan to a meaning work. The task of missions, home, state and foreign, demand big men for a big work. If all churches will make plans, then carry them out, all our church letters will show financial aid given to every phase of the work. This is no light thing and may we treat it as very important. Would this be our prayer, "God help me to see the great need of helping others".

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marie Royal
Mrs. Hattie Brown

On motion report adopted.

On motion the Clerk was directed to obtain a report from the Committee on Sunday Schools and Periodicals and include same in the minutes and allow discussion of report in the Sunday School Convention by Vice Moderator.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to have 700 minutes prepared and printed for distribution.

PASTORS AND CHURCH RELATIONS REPORT

In Jeremish 3:15 we find these words—and I will give you Pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

I thank my God for you making mention of you always in my prayers. Such as the Apostle Paul's feelings toward various Churches of the New Testament. If it were possible, you would have plucked out your very eyes and given my such was the Churches regard for Paul.

The Pastor is the Shepherd of his flock and should go before and be on a higher plane than his followers. Always being led by the spirit through much prayer and meditation, and when there is thorough understanding between the Church and Pastor of their relationship then we can say as never before "We are workers together for God" So let's work with a prayerful mind and a Christian understanding of our many problems. Pastors to be mindful of the cares of the Church whether the Church be large or small. Let the Pastor Preach out of pure love for the work, love for God. And the Church should honor, love, and respect the Pastors. Your Pastor needs your presence, your best efforts and your prayers. Then surely with such unity then we should go forward in the Lord's work humbly submitted.

This report was read and discussed by Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

On motion report was adopted.

The fifty-sixth annual session of The Stone Mountain Baptist Association was closed with prayer and handshake service.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Received by baptism	139
Received by letter and other additions	56
Total Gain	195
Loss by death, transfer, etc.	63
Net Gain	78

DELEGATES

- BAPTIST HOME—Mrs. Blanche Prevette, Mrs. Gwyn Caudill, Mrs. John McGrady, John McGrady.
- BENHAM—Clatus Cothren, Weaver Hemrick, Otis Byrd.
- BETHEL—Otto Rhodes, Lewis Rhodes, Homer Elledge.
- CHESTNUT GROVE—Clarence Key, Connie Haynes, Bud Shepherd.
- DEHART—O. C. Rhodes, W. R. Handy, Birch Handy.
- ELK SPUR—Martha Smith, Paul Smith, Haywood Brown.
- FAIRPLAINS—Mrs. Thelma Smoot, Mrs. Grace Dearman, Mrs. Pat Brooks.
- FLINT HILL—C. E. Johnston, Jr., Garland Reeves, Una Holbrook.
- HAYMEADOW—A. R. Myers, Morgan Billings, Clifton Dillard.
- KNOBBS—Raymond Harris, Link Spicer, Raymond McCann.
- MAPLE GROVE—Mrs. C. C. Blevins, A. C. Yale, Mrs. Johnsie Cleary.
- MOUNT PISGAH—L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher, Bruce Billings.
- MOUNT ZION—Mrs. C. H. Shumate, R. C. Dancy, Mrs. Ethel Jennings.
- MOUNTAIN VALLEY—J. C. Kilby, Trelia Kilby, Gwyn Hayes.
- MOUNTAIN VIEW—Mr. Pedro Myers, Luther Elledge, Claude Billings.
- NEW LIGHT—Clifton Prevette, Ray Von Garris, Lewis E. Garris.
- OAK GROVE—Noah Griffin, Sarah Owens, Christine Spears.
- PINEY GROVE—H. J. Spicer, Claud Brewer, J. W. Huie.
- PLEASANT RIDGE—Burr Hutchison, B. W. Carter, Thomas L. Davis, Curtis Luffman.
- PLEASANT VIEW—Adolphus Stonestreet, G. A. Chambers, Ray Simmons.
- ROARING GAP—W. R. DeJournette, Mrs. Mackie Royal, Mrs. Lester Royal.
- ROCK SPRINGS—Delbert Myers, A. V. Hall, Gilbert Handy.
- STONY RIDGE—G. B. Crabbe, C. W. Billings, Sankie Wiles.
- TRAPHILL—Bert C. Brown, H. G. Pruitt, Lonnie Smith.
- UNION—Frank Huffman, Odell Whittington, Hamp Taylor.
- WALNUT GROVE—Bob Johnson, Ira Handy, W. M. Pruitt.

OUR DEAD

BAPTIST HOME—Mrs. Mattie Miller.

BETHEL—Mr. W. E. Brewer, Deacon Millard Brown, Mrs. Maude Rhodes, Mrs. Edna Bessie Brown.

DEHART—Deacon J. Y. Brooks, Mrs. W. B. Rhodes.

ELK SPUR—Mrs. Alene Vannoy, Mr. Ezekiel Nelson.

FAIRPLAINS—Mrs. Mollie Woods.

FLINT HILL—Mr. Paul Stone, Mr. Claude Stone.

HAYMEADOW—Mrs. Clemmie Harrold, Mrs. A. M. Blevins, Mrs. Phoebe Reynolds, Mr. E. M. Wiles, Mrs. Clemmie Sebastian.

KNOBBS—Rev. J. F. Lyon.

Maple Grove—Mrs. J. N. Felts.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY—Mrs. J. C. Kilby, Mrs. Troy Kilby.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—Mrs. I. C. Woodruff, Mr. Grover C. Pendry, Rev. C. M. Caudill.

PINEY GROVE—Rev. J. W. Brown.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Mr. C. L. Bates.

PLEASANT VIEW—Mr. Leonard Haynes.

TRAPHILL—Mr. Charlie Billings.

UNION—Mr. Clarence Palmer.

WALNUT GROVE—Mrs. Docia Higgins, Mrs. Martha Caudill.

STATISTICAL
TABLES

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

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CHURCHES	Location	Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Gains		Losses		Total	Special Information					No. Known Roman Catholic to Join Church in Year		
						Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members		Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total	Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Titlers		State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget
Baptist Home	R		1880	2 & 4	Harley White, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	17	8	4	200	20	220	1		No	No	None		
Bennam	R		1917	1 & 3	Willie Luffman, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	1	2	2	209		209	2		No	No	None		
Bethel	R		1837	3		2		8	206		206	1		No	No	None		
Chestnut Grove	R		1900	1 & 3	Richard Byrd, N. Wilkesboro	7	7	4			139	1		No	No	None		
Dehart	R		1879	2	Major Caudill, Springfield	6	2	2	35	34	69	1		No	No	None		
Elk Spur	R		1900	2	Harrison Barker, Benham	31	8	4	338	88	446	2	14	No	No	None		
Fairplains	V		1901	1 & 3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro	3	3	4	179	35	214	1		No	No	None		
Flint Hill	R		1912	1	Albert Byrd, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	6	2	6			190	1		No	No	None		
Haymeadow	R		1903	3	J. T. Hendrix, Hays	2	1	1	85	42	127	2		No	No	None		
Knobbs	R		1906	2 & 4	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	6	5	23			182	2		No	No	None		
Maple Grove	R		1932	1 & 3	Roy Franklin, Hays		1	2	62	40	102	2		No	No	None		
Mt. Pisgah	R		1879	1	Ernest Blevins, Hays						70	1		No	No	None		
Mt. Zion	R		1908	1	Thurmond Ratliff, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro									No	No	None		
Mountain Valley	R		1902	2 & 4	Albert Byrd, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro			2	100	35	135	1		No	No	None		
Mountain View	V		1912	2 & 4	Glenn Huffman, N. Wilkesboro	3		4	89	15	104	3	1	No	No	None		
New Light	R		1889	2	Charlie Richardson, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	9	2				123	2		No	No	None		
Oak Grove	R		1905	3	Earl W. Greer, Deep Gap	2	1					10	1	No	No	None		
Piney Grove	R		1883	4	L. E. Sparks & A. L. Gambill, Dockery	4	4	5			131	1		No	No	None		
Pleasant Ridge	R		1907	1 & 3	J. L. Powers, Elkin	3	2	7	192	46	233	1	8	No	No	None		
Pleasant View	R		1943	2 & 4	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	4	4	4			173	2		No	No	None		
Roaring Gap	R		1901	1 & 3	Hillery Blevins, Hays	3	1	4	151	75	226	2	2	No	No	None		
Rock Springs	R		1904	2 & 4	C. W. Bryant, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	3	1	1			152	1		No	No	None		
Stony Ridge	R		1905	3	L. E. Sparks, Moxley	3	2	1			107	1		No	No	None		
Traphill	V		1887	1 & 3	Watson Bryant, N. Wilkesboro	7	6	2			70	1		No	No	None		
Union	R		1911	3	A. A. Staley, Reddies River	11	2	2	112	66	178	2	1	No	No	None		
Walnut Grove	R		1902	1	M. L. Blevins, Springfield	3	1	16			248	2		No	No	None		

Totals

134 56 112 1978 476 4056 40 26

TABLE B. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

V. B. S.

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT											V. B. S.			
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Number Training Schools	Vacation Bible School Enrollment		
Baptist Home.	Wade H. Barlow, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro		16	17	30	32	32	19	110		19	275	1	143		
Benham	C. B. Seftie, Benham			27	25	31	64	25	181		9	181		75		
Bethel	M. A. Miller, Hays			25	12	12	20	21	40		7	129				
Chestnut Grove	Eud Shepherd, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro			11	15	6	13	13	50		5	50				
Dehart	W. R. Handy, Halls Mills											36				
Elk Spur	Haywood Brown, Traphill				11	10	15	15	36			36				
Fairplains	Bruce Dearman, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	62	40	36	28	42	31	119	15		15	311		99		
Flint Hill	Louie Blackburn, N. Wilkesboro		40	40	30	30	25	30	6		6	131				
Haymeadow	V. M. Harvold, Rt. 1, Hays			15	11	14	23	32	32		123	131				
Knobbs	Raymond McCann, Rt. 2, Elkin			6	15	8	16	12	22		107	1				
Maple Grove	Ray Deitz, Hays	3	6	15	8	10	6	11	12		158	1		25		
Mt. Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery	5		6	3	4	2	12	12		6	33				
Mt. Zion	L. H. Shumate, Rt. 1, Reddies River			5	7	11	12	9	16	14	17	8	99			
Mountain Valley	Trelia Kilby, Rt. 1, Reddies River				22	6	15	15	10	87	153					
Mountain View	Vernon Woodruff, Hays			21	6	9	15	17	15	17	5	80				
New Light	Cliffon Prevette, Rt. 1, Roaring River				2	4	3	4	3	6	22	22		20		
Oak Grove	Cavil Owens, Wilbar			5	2	3	6	2	9	23	2	50				
Piney Grove	J. W. Maberry, Dockery			3	15	14	15	13	15	56	12	150	1	87		
Pleasant Ridge	B. W. Carter, State Road	3		25	29	23	40	43	79	9	248					
Pleasant View	Harvey Haynes, State Road			5	20	23	24	15	35	8	130	1	49			
Roaring Gap	J. D. Nicholson, Thurmond				10	15	10	10	10	10	40					
Rock Springs	Gilbert Handy, Halls Mills	5									6	83				
Stony Ridge	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill				12	10	10	8	40		40	1	17			
Traphill	Bert C. Brown, Traphill				10	10	10	25	25		70					
Union	Ozell Whittington, Reddies River			8	15	12	15	16	24		6	96				
Walnut Grove	Will Gambill, Springfield															
Totals		83	35	358	248	332	344	413	883	29	115	2798	7	515		

TABLE C. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Beginner Units																Average Attendance															
		No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance																
Baptist Home	Gwyn Caucull, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	2	2	2	1	9	14	14	29	18	24	21		126	66																
Benham																																	
Bethel																																	
Chestnut Grove																																	
Dehart																																	
Elk Spur	Wayne Elledge, Hays	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	7		13	14	12	22	5	73	50																
Fairplains																																	
Flint Hill																																	
Haymeadow																																	
Knobs																																	
Maple Grove	Mrs. Wayne Elledge, Hays								4		10	4	6	10	4	38	15																
Mt. Pisgah																																	
Mt. Zion																																	
Mountain Valley																																	
Mountain View	Mrs. Jack Johnson, Hays										10	12	18			40	20																
New Light																																	
Oak Grove																																	
Piney Grove																																	
Pleasant Ridge																																	
Pleasant View																																	
Roaring Gap																																	
Rock Springs	Mrs. Lester Royal, Thurmond		1	1	1	1	1	3			20		30	25	3	78	40																
Stony Ridge																																	
Traphill																																	
Union																																	
Walnut Grove																																	
Totals		2	1	4	3	4	3	17	25	14	82	48	72	96	12	355	191																

TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Baptist Home.....	Mrs. Wade H. Barlow, Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	1	31	31	31	10	
Benham.....							
Bethel.....							
Chestnut Grove.....							
Dehart.....							
Elk Spur.....							
Fairplains.....							
Flint Hill.....							
Haymeadow.....							
Knobbs.....							
Maple Grove.....							
Mt. Pisgah.....							
Mt. Zion.....							
Mountain Valley.....							
Mountain View.....							
New Light.....							
Oak Grove.....							
Piney Grove.....							
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Burr Hutchison, Elkin.....	1	9	9	25	8	
Pleasant View.....							
Roaring Gap.....							
Rock Springs.....							
Stony Ridge.....							
Traphill.....	Mrs. Etta Yale, Traphill.....	1	1	9	9	.....	
Union.....							
Walnut Grove.....							
Totals.....		2	1	40	40	25	20

TABLE E. BROTHERHOOD—BUILDING—GOALS

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	Number Class Rooms	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year
Baptist Home.....		10	50000.00	9400.00
Bethel.....		8	20000.00	.....
Dehart.....		2	.....	.....
Fairplains.....		8	12000.00	.....
Flint Hill.....			3500.00	.....
Haymeadow.....			4000.00	.....
Knobbs.....			5000.00	.....
Mountain View.....		6	40000.00	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....		10	40000.00	10000.00
Pleasant View.....		6	1400.00	1100.00
Roaring Gap.....		4	1200.00	.....
Rock Springs.....			3500.00	.....
Stony Ridge.....			3500.00	.....
Traphill.....			1750.00	.....
Union.....			2500.00	.....
Walnut Grove.....		2	3000.00	.....
Totals.....		56	191350.00	20500.00

TABLE F. GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER		TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES										Total Mission Gifts	Grand Total Gifts for All Causes
	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans' Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, Etc.			
Baptist Home.....	3516.00	1300.00		50.00					25.00	35.00	50.00	160.00	4976.00	
Benham.....	1171.00	335.00	9.00		8.00	21.00	9.00		26.00			73.00	1579.00	
Bethel.....	2349.00	193.00							30.00	50.00		80.00	537.00	
Chestnut Grove.....	417.00	134.00		1.00								150.00	532.00	
Dehart.....	45.00	71.00								12.00		127.00		
Elk Spur.....		80.00								21.00		101.00		
Fair Plains.....	3050.00	1286.00	14.00	100.00	25.00	54.00			195.00	112.00		501.00	4837.00	
Flint Hill.....		222.00										222.00		
Haymeadow.....														
Knobs.....	104.00			37.00					20.00	23.00		79.00	194.00	
Maple Grove.....	2238.00	1706.00	16.00	340.00	31.00	138.00		116.00	165.00	102.00		908.00	4852.00	
Mt. Pisgah.....		161.00	9.00	107.00					5.00	10.00	35.00		326.00	
Mt. Zion.....		58.00		41.00					10.00	10.00		62.00	62.00	
Mountain Valley.....	853.00	282.00		15.00					8.00	15.00		38.00	1210.00	
Mountain View.....	1130.00	900.00		113.00					35.00	25.00	80.00	253.00	2030.00	
New Light.....	60.00	123.00			22.00				7.00	19.00		48.00	236.00	
Oak Grove.....		50.00											50.00	
Piney Grove.....														
Pleasant Ridge.....	8626.00	555.00	115.00	100.00	15.00	21.00	18.00		84.00	30.00	66.00	449.00	9630.00	
Pleasant View.....	1878.00	900.00				81.00			57.00	29.00		168.00	2947.00	
Roaring Gap.....	2665.00	425.00		54.00					30.00	33.00	266.00	393.00	3483.00	
Rock Springs.....	300.00	100.00							15.00	10.00		25.00	425.00	
Stony Ridge.....	202.00				45.00				20.00	38.00	99.00	202.00	403.00	
Traphill.....	118.00	215.00	5.00	25.00	3.00				15.00	5.00		53.00	386.00	
Union.....	1704.00	250.00	35.00	120.00					50.00	25.00		230.00	2214.00	
Walnut Grove.....		166.00		134.00	10.00				17.00	9.00	273.00	443.00	619.00	

Totals..... 30526.00|9557.00|203.00|1247.00|159.00|261.00|81.00|116.00|623.00|889.00|4105.00|42009.00

TABLE G. VISUAL EDUCATION—CHURCH MUSIC

	Choir		Choir Enrolments		Musical Instrument		Piano
	Director						
CHURCHES	Film Strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector	Full-time	Volunteer	Church	Others	Total
							Music Budget
Baptist Home.....	•	•		z		30	30
Benham.....	•	•		z			
Bethel.....	•	•					80.00
Chestnut Grove.....	•	•					
Fairplains.....	•	•		z			
Flint Hill.....	•	•					
Raymeadow.....			z				
Knobbs.....			z				
Maple Grove.....				z			10.00
Mountain Valley.....			z	z	25		25
Roaring Gap.....			z	z			
Stony Ridge.....			z	z			
Totals.....					35	30	55
							90.00

•—No z—Yes.





MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
Stone Mountain Baptist
Association

HELD WITH
Traphill Baptist Church
Traphill, N. C.
SEPTEMBER 25th, 1953
AND WITH
Roaring Gap Baptist Church
R. 1, Traphill, N. C.
SEPTEMBER 26th, 1953

C. C. BLEVINS, Moderator **Hays, N. C.**
ODELL WHITTINGTON, Clerk **Wilbar, N. C.**

The next session will be held with Knobbs Baptist Church Traphill, N. C., on Friday, September 24th and with Benham Baptist Church, R. 2, Elkin, N. C., on Saturday, September 25th, 1954. Sermon on Friday by Rev. J. W. Yale and on Saturday sermon by Rev. Harvey White.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Glenn Dancy	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Bruce Richardson	Hays, N. C.
Frank Huffman	Wilbar, N. C.
Gwyn Caudill	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Dewitt Dearman	Hays, N. C.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

G. B. Crabbe	Traphill, N. C.
Clifton Prevette	Roaring River, N. C.
Winfrey Luffman	State Road, N. C.
Bert Brown	Traphill, N. C.
Linkus Spicer	Elkin, N. C.

CHURCH CLERKS

Baptist Home, John McGrady	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Benham, Clifford Jordan	Rt. 2, Elkin, N. C.
Bethel, Otto Rhodes	Hays, N. C.
Chestnut Grove, Connie Haynes	Rt. 1, Wilbar, N. C.
Dehart, L. O. Handy	McGrady, N. C.
Elk Spur, Martha Smith	Glade Valley, N. C.
Fairplains, Lonnie Haynes	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Flint Hill, Glenn Burchette	Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Haymeadow, R. M. Elledge	Hays, N. C.
Knobbs, C. S. Lyon	Traphill, N. C.
Maple Grove, A. C. Yale, Jr.	Hays, N. C.
Mt. Pisgah, L. G. Billings	Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.
Mt. Zion, Mrs. C. H. Shumate	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Mountain Valley, Johnny Higgins	Wilbar, N. C.
Mountain View, Wilmer Woodruff	Hays, N. C.
New Light, Clifton Prevette	Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Oak Grove, Sarah E. Owens, ...	Wilbar, N. C.
Oak Ridge, C. W. Wiles	Hays, N. C.
Piney Grove, H. J. Spicer	Hays, N. C.
Pleasant Ridge, Burr Hutchison	Rt. 2, Elkin, N. C.
Pleasant View, Lonnie Crabb	State Road, N. C.
Roaring Gap, W. R. DeJournette	Traphill, N. C.
Rock Springs, Delbert Myers	McGrady, N. C.
Stony Ridge, G. B. Crabbe	Traphill, N. C.
Traphill, Mrs. Roy Billings	Traphill, N. C.
Union, Louise Bumgarner	Wilbar, N. C.
Walnut Grove, Bob Johnson	Hays, N. C.

PASTORS AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, James	Benham, N. C.
Adams, Jesse	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Barker, B. H.	Roaring River
Blevins, Ernest	Hays
Blevins, Hillery	Hays
Blevins, James	Wilkesboro
Blevins, Minter L.	Hays
Blevins, S. L.	Hays
Blevins, T. E.	Abshers
Brown, Clate	Oakwoods
Brown, J. W.	Abshers
Bryant, Watson	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
Burcham, John	Elkin

Burcham, Marvin	Roaring River
Byrd, Albert	North Wilkesboro
Byrd, Willis	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
Caudill, Major	Springfield
Childress, S. T.	Hillsville, Va.
Cockerham, Carl	Roaring River
Cockerham, David	Elkin
Cooper, W. F.	Traphill
Curry, G. W.	Traphill
Douglas, E. O.	McGrady
Franklin, Roy	Hays
Gambill, A. L.	Moxley
Hanks, Uriah	Springfield
Hayes, J. E.	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
Hendrix, J. T.	Hays
Hincher, Grant	Hays
Hodges, Raymond	Traphill
Holbrook, B. R.	Jonesville
Huffman, J. G.	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
Johnson, A. A.	Hays
Johnson, Lester	Hays
Kilby, John	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
Luffman, W. B.	Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
Lyons, Amos	Benham
Miller, D. C.	Hays
Miller, Ernest	Hays
Miller, Grant	Wilbar
Norman, Warren	Mountain Park
Prevette, G. W.	Roaring River
Pruitt, Bill	Hays
Pruitt, Robert	Elkin
Pruitt, Albert	North Wilkesboro
Pruitt, Gar	Elkin
Pruitt, Robert	Rt. 1, Traphill
Ratliff, Thurmond	North Wilkesboro
Richardson, Charlie	Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
Sparks, L. E.	Moxley
Simmons, Arlie	Thurmond
Staley, A. A.	Wilbar
White, Harley	Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
Wiles, E. R.	Traphill
Wishon, Woodrow	State Road
Wyatt, Banner	North Wilkesboro
Wyatt, Odell	North Wilkesboro
Yale, Jesse	North Wilkesboro

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates chosen by the churches and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church letters certifying their appointments, communicating information relative to the state of the church and may make an oral report of the interests and progress thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator a Clerk and Treasurer. The last two offices may be held by the same brother. These elections may be held in such a way as the Association may direct.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order and to perform other duties pertaining to the office. In the absence of the Moderator the Vice-Moderator shall perform these duties.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds received and all monies paid out and shall make a report of same every three months to the clerk of each church.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all plans for each annual meeting of the Association; to consider all letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding associations or our State Baptist Board requiring any attention thereon, and to report same back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall be considered as an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be in the province of the Association to correspond with nearby sister associations of our faith and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and for this purpose there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, including the Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to direct such work; to approve receipts and disbursements of funds and any other duty the Association may direct.

14th. At each annual session there may be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers Relief, Home for the Aging, Pastorial and Church Relations, Special Changes, Time, Place and Preacher for the next session and any other reports the Association deems necessary.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place or places as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish churches with minutes of her proceedings and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that this may be compiled in the minutes. Each church shall also urge their Pastor to attend each annual session of the Association and make provisions to enable him to do so.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members concurring; the churches having been previously notified.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprovved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its fifty-seventh annual session on Friday, September 25th, 1953, with Traphill Baptist Church, Traphill N. C. and on Saturday, September 26th, 1953, with Roaring Gap Baptist Church, Rt. 1 Traphill, N. C.

Hymn by the congregation: "Standing on the Promise"

Devotional by Rev. Watson Bryant.

Prayer by Rev. J. L. Wells.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, C. C. Blevins.

A roll call of the churches was made and 24 Associational Letters were received.

The Moderator made a note of the ministers present finding 18 in attendance.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Paul Phipps, Ashe County; Rev. J. W. Elders, Ashe County; Rev. J. L. Wells, Brushy Mountain Association; Rev. W. K. McGee, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Rev. Clyde Church, Brushy Mountain Association; Rev. G. H. Caldwell, Brushy Mountain Association; Rev. Clate Brown, Brushy Mountain Association; Rev. W. A. Eichelberger, Caldwell County; Dr. Walter Miles, Brushy Mountain Association; Rev. J. C. Pipes; Rev. M. Kindall, Mars Hill, N. C.; Rev. Charlie Miles, Primitive Association.

NEW MINISTERS COMING INTO OUR ASSOCIATION

Rev. Jim Reece, Roaring Gap Church; Rev. Bill Pruitt, Oak Ridge Church; Rev. Robert Pruitt, Knobbs Church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Your Executive Committee and Committee of Arrangements in joint session recommend to the Association the following:

(1) That whereas Bro. Minter Blevins has agreed to this committee that he would continue as Association Missionary for the rest of 1953, that the Association take advantage of this and request that he continue with this work until that time or until a successor can be named.

(2) That each Church be urged to notify your Moderator or a committee member of your wishes as to the successor of Bro. Blevins.

(3) That each delegate here at the Association urge your Church to set aside an offering each fifth Sunday of the year for the support of the Association Missionary.

(4) That the Association make an effort to raise \$1300 per year for this work and that we respectfully request the State Baptist Board to contribute a like amount, beginning January 1st 1954.

Respectfully Submitted,

GLENN DANCY....

FRANK HUFFMAN

G. B. CRABBE

CLIFTON PREVETTE

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN

On motion report adopted.

On motion of Bro. Glenn Dancy report of the Executive Committee was deferred until Saturday.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

SEPTEMBER 1, 1952 TO AUGUST 31, 1953

Brethren:

In submitting this my fourth report to you of The Stone Mountain Association, I do so with a heart of thanks to you and to God for your and His support during these years I have been working with and for you and the cause of Christ. Brethren; this is to be my final report in the capacity of your Associational Missionary. I feel that it best that you select another more qualified to carry on in this great work. I, also submit this with a great degree of regret, regret that I have been unable to do more for you than has been accomplished. I do say, I have been conscious of the divine hand of God in our many tasks we have been carrying on.

Herewith is a summary of the work for the past twelve months; Miles traveled in doing the work of our Association, and work connected with The Baptist State Board, 11,394. Revivals conducted, 6.

Conversions, 18. New members, 44. V. B. S's, 7 with 10 churches co-operating. Weeks of studying; "Paul's Letters to Philippians", 4. Weeks of bible teaching, 3. New B. T. U's organized, 2. B. T. U. Course taught, 1. Assisted in ordinations, 3. Funerals conducted, 11. I have made various trips to the hospitals also, to different meetings in behalf of our work.

During the days ahead may we work as a group for a better Association and do our duty to promote the Kingdom Work.

I leave you with thanks to you for your support and praying God's blessings to be with all.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. L. BLEVINS, Associational Missionary

The above report was submitted by Rev. M. L. Blevins and on motion was adopted by the Association.

Oral reports submitted by the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer were approved, on motion, by the Association.

ORGANIZATION

The following officers were elected: C. C. Blevins, Moderator; Odell Whittington, Clerk; Carrol Dancy, Vice-Moderator, Jasper Chipman, Treasurer.

Jasper Chipman was elected member of the Finance Committee.

Sermon by Rev. M. L. Blevins, using as a text Acts 4-13 "Christian Boldness."

Took recess for dinner with a benediction by Rev. W. A. Eichelberger.

Re-assembled at 1:30 P. M.

Hymn by the congregation: "Uncloudy Day"

Prayer by Rev. G. H. Caldwell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

In studying the New Testament, we find that the gospel was carried to the lost by the method of preaching and teaching. It is still the only way in the 20th century. And, whereas, there are so many false teachers today we should be very careful to teach and preach the word and not theory or man's ideas.

We are proud of the achievement of Sunday Schools in the Stone Mountain Association. However, it is not enough. Last year we had reported a total church membership of 4,056 and a total enrollment in Sunday School from 24 churches, 2,798, including the nonchristians. So we had more than 1000 church members who don't attend Sunday School.

Where are they on Sunday morning? The 24 schools reporting made a contribution of \$12,197.40 to various causes. Let us urge our people to a greater effort in this important work.

W. M. PRUITT

On motion report adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN PERIODICALS

We read the Bible to learn about the acts of the Apostles. We are thrilled by the power of the Holy Spirit as He worked among them and through them for the salvation of the world in the first century.

We must read Christian periodicals today if we want to be informed about the acts of the disciples in the Twentieth Century. When we do we are challenged by the heroic example of our missionaries at home and abroad. We are thrilled by the power of the Holy Spirit as He gives victory to Christ's followers in our day. We are inspired to sub-

mit ourselves to His will that we may be used of His Spirit to win the lost to Christ in our community.

An informed Baptist is an intelligent Baptist. An intelligent Baptist moved by what he reads, is a generous Baptist. The growth of our minds and hearts is dependent upon regular food from God's word and Christian periodicals.

Every Baptist home in North Carolina should have the Biblical Recorder. It will help the parents as deacons, Sunday School teachers, and as leaders of the other organizations. Their own lives will be enriched and so will the service they render. Religious Periodicals in the home have a definite influence for good upon the children. They will learn little of Baptist from the secular press. We cannot afford to have them grow up in ignorance of the Lord's work. Will you not subscribe to the Recorder today and make your home more Christian, and your service to your church more efficient?

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. ODELL WHITTINGTON
MRS. ETHEL JENNINGS

This report was submitted by the Committee on Periodicals and ably discussed by Rev. J. C. Pipes.

On motion report adopted.

REPORT ON THE HOME FOR THE AGING

This newest of our North Carolina Baptist institutions was opened in Winston Salem in March, 1951. It has been filled to capacity since soon after its opening, now providing a home for twenty of our old Baptist men and women.

Last year our home for old people received a small amount from our co-operative program and is now receiving some support regularly. This enables the home to help bear some of the cost of caring for a few of the residents, while it is still necessary for most of them to pay for their full care. We hope that the support of the home will grow until it will be possible to care for more of our aged ones who cannot pay the full cost of their care.

Our State Committee last November designated the third Sunday in February as a day for a special offering for the home. Our special offering was made this year and has amounted to more than \$52,000.

Recently the trustees of the home purchased a valuable hospital and nurse's home buildings in Albemarle for \$25,000. These buildings are being repaired and put in condition for use. This will cost \$25,000, or more. They will accommodate 40 residents and it is expected that it will be ready to open by the first of November.

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES M. HAYES

This report was submitted and discussed in a very able and interesting manner by Rev. James M. Hayes.

On motion report adopted.

On motion by Rev. S. L. Blevins an offering was taken, amounting to \$52.53, to reimburse Bro. Jesse Yale for expenses incurred in going to and from the Baptist Hospital caring for our sick.

On motion Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Yale were unanimously re-elected as Hospital Representatives.

Benediction by Rev. Walter Miles.

The Association met on Saturday, September 26th, 1953, with Roaring Gap Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Hymn by the congregation: "Heavenly Sunlight"

Devotional by Rev. Clate Brown.

Prayer by J. L. Powell.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The subject of missions is not new to the Southern Baptists. It is as old as the church itself, but as needy as the day the word was coined. We, as christians, must face the challenge of following the perfect example of the Master, and put into practice His holy teaching. If Christ had come to save just the few who followed Him while here on earth we could erase missions from our worship program, but on the contrary Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Our world is growing smaller day by day. The peoples of far away lands are becoming almost our next door neighbors. Since we must live with all men as neighbors we must endeavor to christianize them.

Our Southern Baptists have worked out a good, practical program whereby we may conveniently do our bit in serving all the different phases of the work. We, as a committee, feel that the churches of our Association are not supporting this program as heartily as they should. We recommend that our churches make a thorough study of this program and endeavor to put it into effect. We feel that when our churches do this they will make more progress and God will be pleased with the systematic, business-like way, we try to carry on His work.

Respectfully Submitted,

MISS ARIZONA WARREN
JAMES BARKER
MRS. BELVA GREGORY.

Very interesting and instructive talks on missions were made by Mrs. Earl James, of The Womens Missionary Society of Elkin, and by Rev. S. L. Blevins.

On motion report on missions was adopted.

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina has again moved forward in its ministry of Child Care. During the year, 728 children were served in addition to the 214 who were helped by the Social Service Department to adjustment with relatives. The Baptist of North Carolina probably provide more services for children than any other similar group in the nation.

Spiritual and educational developments of the children are gratifying. During the year, fifty professed faith in Christ and were baptized. Another thirty accepted Christ as Savior, but were not baptized until early in this year. The twenty-four who were graduated from high school will no doubt make a worthy contribution to their generation.

Added to the many other activities, the greatest building and renovating program in the history of the orphanage has been promoted. Included in the building program, is a beautiful new church that will seat 580 people.

The income for the year was slightly above that of the previous year. Truly we can say, "The Lord is good to all", and with our sympathy prayers, and regular giving, the work goes on. Our investments in Child Care bring rich dividends to the individual or church and add glory to Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me".

RUTH M. BILLINGS
H. J. SPICER
G. C. CHAMBERS

On motion report adopted.

A very interesting talk on our boys and girls was made by Lawson Allen.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To bring a report on Christian Education to this Association in the brief period allotted for this subject makes it necessary for one to decide what are the most important points to be emphasized from the large body of material that is available on this subject. Beginning in general terms and ending with more specific references, let us first remember that we are Southern Baptist, and that as such we support with our students and our money six seminaries and Carver School of Missions and Social Work at Louisville, Ky. These are: the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; the New Orleans Seminary in New Orleans, La.; Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas; Golden Gate Seminary at Berkley, Cal.; and Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C. The sixth seminary is the American Baptist Theological Seminary for Negroes at Nashville, Tenn.

In the last school year there were enrolled in these seven seminaries 4,727 students, with 3,192 of these ministerial students and the others volunteers for fulltime Christian service.

In addition to these seminaries there are 52 junior and senior colleges with an enrollment of 34,334, and 10 academies and Bible schools with an enrollment of 2,442, making a total of 41,303 regular students in our 69 schools, colleges and seminaries. In addition to these regular students we had this last year 11,357 extension and special students, for a grand total of 52,660.

It is well for us to remember that only our seminaries receive financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention. The 62 other colleges and academies receive their support from the Conventions of the states in which they are located.

It is interesting to note that in all these seminaries and colleges we have a total enrollment of 8,993 ministerial students, or approximately one out of every four. In addition to these there are 2,844 volunteers being trained for some type of full-time Christian service.

The present property value of all these institutions is \$97,000,000, and they have a total endowment of \$47,400,000.

With this general information on a Southwide basis, let us now consider our program as North Carolina Baptists in the field of Christian education. We shall omit any reference to our educational facilities within the local church, such as the Sunday School, Training Union, and W. M. U. These will be considered in other reports. North Carolina Baptists have seven colleges, two senior: Wake Forest and Meredith; and five junior: Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan. As of October 15, 1952 the enrollments in these colleges were as follows: Wake Forest, including the schools of law and medicine, 1714; Meredith, 600; Mars Hill, 787; Gardner-Webb, 401; Campbell, 440, including 54 high school students; Wingate, 255, including 63 high students; and Chowan, 192, making a total of 4,389. This enrollment, including summer schools, exceeded 5,000 for the year.

The 422 ministerial students enrolled in these seven colleges represent approximately 10% of the total student body. In addition to this number, there are some 300 student volunteers being trained for full-time Christian service.

These seven colleges have an annual operation budget of approximately \$4,000,000. North Carolina Baptists, through the Cooperative Program, make available \$400,000 to aid these colleges with their operating costs, which is exactly 10% of the total operating expenditures, or a little less than \$100 per student for the year. In addition to this financial aid for operating costs, in its present Nine-Year advance Program the Convention is providing another \$200,000 to help the colleges with their capital outlay or building programs.

From a financial standpoint the most significant undertaking in 1953 is the effort to complete the raising of \$1,500,000 in the churches for the removal program of Wake Forest College. This was authorized in 1946, and it is confidently hoped that this total of \$1,500,000 will be raised by January 1, 1954, thereby completing the last authorized special campaign in the churches for any one of our institutions. It is expected that with the completion of this special effort for Wake Forest and the one for the Baptist Hospital, it will be possible for all our churches to unite in support of the total Cooperative Program and in so doing provide the funds necessary for the promotion of the work in all departments of our Convention endeavors.

Let us observe here that the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary now operating on the campus of Wake Forest College is beginning its third year of operation with an enrollment of 320 students, and that because of the crowded conditions on the college campus hundreds of other students have been refused admittance to the seminary. When the new class of approximately 100 students is added next year, the seminary will have reached its maximum size until Wake Forest College is able to move to Winston-Salem, which is planned for 1955. The establishment of the new seminary and the period of transition in building the new Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem progress in an orderly manner in spite of the inevitable difficulties in such a program. This orderly procedure is due to the fine leadership of Presidents Harold W. Tribble and S. L. Stealey. Surely these are God's chosen for a crucial hour in both of these great institutions. The present status of the construction program for the new Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem gives assurance that the college will be moved in 1955, provided the alumni and friends of Wake Forest are willing to accept this unparalleled challenge in the development of our program of Christian education. It is interesting to observe further that in this transition period for our oldest and largest college, and the opening of a new Southwide seminary, we have seen the greatest period of development in the other six Baptist colleges in North Carolina. In every instance each of the other six has found it possible to expand its facilities and provide for an increasing enrollment from year to year.

We would remind you, however, that these institutions and the funds for their support are but means to the end that we may train young men and young women to be able to take their places in our world not only as pastors and leaders in all departments of the work of our churches, but as Christian citizens in a society that is sorely lacking in spiritual qualities or tendencies. Let it be said to the credit of Baptists that although they have been pioneers in the support of public education for all the children of the state, at the same time they have been unwilling to look to the state for the training of their spiritual leadership. As the masses of the people become more intelligent and better trained through the improved educational opportunities provided by the state, Baptists have tried to make available a sufficient number of well educated men and women to permeate this enlightened society with Christian thought and a Christian philosophy of life.

Thus far we have thought of ourselves as Southern Baptists and as North Carolina Baptists; now let us conclude this report with a reference to ourselves as Baptists within this particular Association. What do we know about these institutions of learning which we are helping to support? How many of our own Baptist boys and girls are being directed to these Baptist colleges, and what can we as parents, pastors and church leaders do to emphasize the necessity for such a program of Christian education and provide that counseling and guid-

ance that will result in more of our young people taking advantage of such training?

Committee
MRS. J. R. JONES
MRS. WALKER LUFFMAN
L. G. BILLINGS

The foregoing report submitted by the Committee on Christian Education was very ably discussed by M. H. Kendall, and on motion adopted.

Sermon by Rev. Woodrow Wishon, Reading 1st Samuel and speaking on the subject "The heart touch of Christ."

The Association now recessed for lunch with a benediction by Lester Johnson.

The Association re-assembled at 1:30 P. M.

Hymn by the congregation: "At the Cross."

Prayer by Rev. Elmore M. Eldridge.

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The last three years have been eventful in the expansion of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital. The work that has been done should be a challenge to all christians to do our best to assist in carrying on this great work. Since figures seem almost unbelievable only we that come in contact with the hospital every few days understand the great task the Management have there. In 1952 there was 47,560 visits to the Out Patient Department, with free service amounting to \$340, 387.95. Then many had to be turned away because of no room. In the past three years we people of Wilkes County have received over \$5,000.00 for surgery and bed patients. There have been many visits that we don't have any record as to what was done. Some of those are you friends and neighbors. Only by our offering on Mother's Day once a year can we help in this great work. The work that we surely believe that Christ left in our hands. With the wonderful service given by The Bowman Gray School of Medicine our hospital is able to give our Out-Patient's Specialist attention. This is done for the ones not able to pay. We who believe the New Testament should work as one, pray as one and pay as one to keep the N. C. Baptist Hospital the best in the Southland. God is blessing our efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,
REV. and MRS. JESSE YALE
HAYWOOD BROWN
GARLAND REEVES

Upon submission of the above report Mrs. Jesse Yale gave us some very interesting and instructive facts in regard to our hospital and the great service it is rendering.

On motion report adopted.

Two charter members of our Association, Brothers Pedro Myers and Millard Walker, were recognized at this time.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF

The preacher that has worn out his life for the cause of Christ and has had no opportunity to accumulate financial security is one of the tragedies that we often see among our Association. The Man of God is the last one to make an appeal for financial assistance. He goes on doing the will of God, often under a great handicap because of troubled minds about meeting the cost of supporting his loved ones. The preacher is the under-privileged when it comes to pay. All other workers get pay increases and added gains. Brethren, we owe more to our preachers, first we must see to it that they are well taken care of during their active work, then we are obligated to them in the sunset of life. We owe them so much and do so little to help them. We are whole-

heartedly in favor of helping but just neglect it. May we resolve as leaders that we will call it to the attention of our different congregations that we are going to help and then do that thing. We ask that provisions be made to help the worn out Servant of God and make their lives a bit happier in the declining years when they need necessities of life.

Respectfully Submitted,
GWYN HAYES
C. S. LYON

CLIFTON PREVETTE, Committee

The foregoing report on Aged Minister's Relief was submitted by the committee, and very ably discussed by Brothers Gwyn Hayes, C. S. Lyon and Clifton Prevette.

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, the Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

At no time in history has the church faced a more serious problem than the problem of intemperance. To-day, we are failing in many ways. Man is prone to over indulge. We eat too much; drive too fast; talk too much; concentrate too much of our mind, time and energy, on worldly things. At no time has the people had such a craving for money and worldly possessions. Our Government is operating at the same pace. Higher and higher taxes and the Government is resorting to every known means to extort still more and more, and God is being crowded out and forgotten.

In 1932 we met the liquor question face to face. The church fought it to the very best of its ability but the advocates of liquor were well organized with an abundance of money and misleading propaganda that corrupted and deceived a lot of people. Some said: "We have liquor anyway so why not get the taxes?" "There would not be so much drinking if there was plenty of it." "It would stop the boot-leggers." How is it to-day? Since the repeal of the prohibition law drinking has increased approximately fifty per cent. In 1952 Americans spent ten billion dollars for alcoholic beverages. Crime has increased accordingly. Some of our Judges have said that about nine out of every ten cases in court are due directly or indirectly to liquor. Our doctors tell us that half our illness is due to the drink habit. Our statesmen tell us that liquor has been responsible for more broken homes, heartaches and death, and has made more widows and orphans than all our wars, famines, earthquakes and pestilence combined. What can we do? It's true we can't stop it. We are fighting a losing battle yet we must fight on.

The bible tells us to abstain from the very appearance of evil also "Woe unto the man who puts the bottle to his neighbor's mouth." We should never vote for any man who drinks or favors liquor. If we elect such men to office they will favor those who are connected with the liquor traffic. We should work against it unceasingly in our communities and endeavor to educate the younger generation against it. We cannot make people quit drinking but we should strive constantly to show them the evil of it.

How can we stop it?

Christ is the answer.

MACK ROYALL
REV. H. E. BLEVINS
OTTO RHODES

Committee.

Above report submitted by the committee and a very interesting talk on strong drink was made by Brother Mack Royall.

On motion report adopted.

PASTORS AND CHURCH RELATIONS REPORT

In Jeremiah 3:15 we find these words—and I will give you Pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

I thank my God for you making mention of you always in my prayers. Such as the Apostle Paul's feelings toward various Churches of the New Testament. If it were possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me, such was the Churches regard for Paul.

The Pastor is the Shepherd of his flock and should go before and be on a higher plane than his followers. Always being led by the spirit through much prayer and meditation, and when there is thorough understanding between the Church and Pastor of their relationship then we can say as never before "We are workers together for God's So let's work with a prayerful mind and a Christian understanding of our many problems. Pastors to be mindful of the cares of the Church whether the Church be large or small. Let the Pastor Preach out of pure love for the work, love for God. And the Church should honor, love, and respect the Pastors. Your Pastor needs your presence, your best efforts and your prayers. Then surely with such unity we should go forward in the Lord's work humbly and reverently.

Brother J. C. Kilby, of Mountain Valley Church, was recognized at this time for having attended every meeting of our Association for the past fifty-one years.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations for The Executive Committee: Glenn Dancy, Maple Grove Church; Bruce Richardson, Oak Ridge Church; Frank Huffman, Union Church; Gwynn Caudill, Baptist Home Church; Dewitt Dearman, Bethel Church.

Nominations for Committee of Arrangements: G. B. Crabbe, Stony Ridge Church; Clifton Prevette, New Light Church; Winfrey Luffman, Pleasant Ridge Church; Linkus Spicer, Knobbs Church; Bert Brown Traphill Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. L. BLEVINS
LONNIE BILLINGS
ROBY DANCY, Committee

The foregoing report was submitted by the Committee on Nominations and on motion was adopted.

On motion the Clerk was directed to prepare and have printed 700 Associational Minutes for distribution.

Minute funds received \$131.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, the Committee on time and place for the next meeting of The Stone Mountain Baptist Association, respectfully recommend that the meeting be held with Knobbs Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C., on Friday, September 24th, and with Benham Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Elkin, N. C., on Saturday, September 25th, 1954. Sermon on Friday by Rev. J. W. Yale and on Saturday by Rev. Harvey White.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. W. CARTER
CLETUS SETTLE
HARVEY HAYES
MACKEY ROYAL
Committee

On motion report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, extend to the church and community at Roaring Gap sincere thanks and appreciation for their kindness and hospitality extended during the meeting of The Stone Mountain Association.

We are thankful for the fine spirit of christian fellowship that has prevailed throughout the entire sessions.

May the blessings of God abide with you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. G. MAYBERRY

GWYN HAYES

MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN

Committee

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

1st. That we in Stone Mountain Baptist Association work together in Christian love and with zeal to advance God's Kingdom here on the earth.

2nd. That we express our gratitude to the leaders of our Association.

3rd. That we wish to express our thanks to the Pastor and people of Traphill Baptist Church for their warm hospitality and special attention given us during the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARVEY WHITE

FRANK HUFFMAN

LONNIE RICHARDSON

Committee.

On motion above reports adopted.

The fifty-seventh annual session of The Stone Mountain Association closed with prayer and handshake service.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Received by Baptism	114
Received by letter and other additions	72
Total Gain	186
Loss by death, transfer, etc.	109
Net Gain	77

DELEGATES

Baptist Home—Gwyn A. Caudill, John McGrady, Mrs. Blanche Prevette
Benham—Arthur West, Ernest Byrd, C. B. Settle.

Bethel—Clay Roland, Mack Rhodes, Fred Miller.

Chestnut Grove—Lake Kilby, Connie Haynes, Claude Absher.

Dehart—O. C. Rhodes, Dennis Walker, W. R. Handy.

Elk Spur—Marshall Higgins, Quincy Royal, Haywood Brown.

Fairplains—Odell Jones, Carey Johnson, Jesse Yale.

Flint Hill—J. L. Roland, Wade Shumate, J. C. Blackburn, Garland Reeves.

Haymeadow—B. M. Cleary, I. E. Sebastain, John Myers.

Knobbs—Link Spicer, Harold Lyon, Brady Cheek.

Maple Grove—Oscar Felts, Mrs. C. C. Blevins, Mrs. Joncie Cleary.

Mount Pisgah—L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher, Bud Sparks.

Mtn. Valley—J. C. Kilby, G. T. Foster, John Adams, Gwyn Hayes.

Mt. Zion—L. H. Shumate, R. C. Dancy, J. H. Faw.

Mtn. View—Troy Perry, Mrs. Luther Elledge, Claude Billings, Sr.

New Light—Clifton Prevette, R. Garriss, L. E. Garriss, Earl Prevette.

Oak Grove—T. L. Spears, Noah Griffin, Cavil Owens.

Oak Ridge—Rev. Bill Pruitt, Lon Richardson, Major Felts.
 Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, H. Y. Hutchison, J. W. Mayberry.
 Pleasant Ridge—B. W. Carter, W. W. Carter, Ralph Collina.
 Pleasant View—Ether Cockerham, Lonnie Shew, Ray Simmons.
 Roaring Gap—W. R. DeJournette, Charlie Hanks, Dan Hayes.
 Rock Springs—Mrs. Van Wyatt, Van Wyatt, Mrs. Delbert Myers.
 Stony Ridge—G. B. Crabbe, Sankie Wiles, Jim Cothren.
 Traphill—Mrs. Hattie Brown, Mrs. Dorris Day, Mrs. Ruby Smith.
 Union—Frank Huffman, Vernon Staley, Claude Lankford.
 Walnut Grove—G. E. Blevins, Ervin Pruitt, Hayden Farrington.

OUR DEAD

Baptist Home—Mrs. Mattie Miller.
 Benham—Mrs. Roxie Yarboro, Mrs. Hallie Tucker, Mrs. R.
 L. Cheek.
 Bethel—Mrs. Lydia Bell.
 Fairplains—Rev. O. B. Mayberry, Mrs. Freeland Rhodes.
 Flint Hill—Paul Stone, Duran Porter, Mrs. S. O. Anderson.
 Maple Grove—Rev. J. A. Blevins, Deacon J. N. Felts.
 Mt. Pisgah—R. S. Absher, W. W. Gambill, C. C. Holbrook.
 Mtn. Valley—E. A. Higgins, Bud Wyatt, H. J. Reeves.
 Mt. Zion—Mrs. Cora Shumate, Mrs. Maggie Wyatt.
 Mtn. View—Charles F. Harold, William R. Hayes.
 Oak Ridge—Deacon George Combs.
 Piney Grove—Mrs. Dona Adams, Ruffin Hutchison, Mrs.
 Pauline Hutchison.
 Pleasant Ridge—Deacon D. N. Martin.
 Roaring Gap—Dewey Hamby, Marion Cockerham.
 Rock Spring—Mrs. Vetra Wyatt.
 Stony Ridge—Mrs C. W. Billings.
 Union—Clerk, Evan Colvard.

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP 53

CHURCHES	Location	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES				Gains—Losses			T O T A L			Special Information			
				Baptisms	Letters and Other Adds	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-res. Members	Grand Total	Revival Meet- ings Held	No. Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Members asked to Pledge to Church Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary Whether had Pastor or not			
Baptist Home.....	R	1880	2 & 4	Rev. Harvey White, North Wilkesboro.....	25	5	4	226	24	250	1	8	yes	no	\$1,540		
Benham.....	R	1917	1 & 3	Rev. W. B. Luffman, North Wilkesboro.....		2	7			202			no	no	506		
Bethel.....	R		2	Rev. W. B. Luffman, North Wilkesboro.....		1	11			196			no	no	177		
Chestnut Grove.....	R	1900	1 & 3		3					100	2		no	no	108		
Dehart.....	R	1879	2	Rev. Major Caudill, Springfield.....	1	2	2			140			no	no	75		
Elk Spur.....	R	1900	2	Rev. Harrison Barker, Roaring River.....	2		3	37	28	65	1		no	no	80		
Fairplains.....	V	1901	1 & 3	Rev. Clate Brown, Wilkesboro.....	25	10	10			450	1		no	no	1,117		
Flint Hill.....	R				2	1	4						no	no	200		
Haymeadow.....	R	1905	3	Rev. J. T. Hendrix, Hays.....			3			186	1		no	no	193		
Knobbs.....	R	1906	2 & 4	Rev. Carl Cockerham, Macedonia.....	1	1	5	81	42	123	1		no	no	114		
Maple Grove.....	R	1932	1 & 3	Rev. Roy Franklin, Hays.....			4			178			no	no	1,687		
Mount Pisgah.....	R	1879	1	Rev. Ernest Blevins, Hays.....	3		3	63	39	102			no	no	195		
Mountain Valley.....	R	1902	2 & 4	Rev. Chas. Richardson, North Wilkesboro.....			5	100	25	125	1		no	no	125		
Mountain View.....	V	1912	2 & 4	Rev. Min'er Blevins, Hays.....	4	16	5	104	15	119	1	1	no	no	900		
Mount Zion.....	R	1898		Rev. James Reece, Thurmond.....	4	4				66			no	no	128		
New Light.....	R	1899	2	Rev. Hillery Blevins, Hays.....		2				124	1		no	no	105		
Oak Grove.....	R	1905	4	Rev. Earl W. Greer, Deep Gap.....	2			12		12	2		no	no	57		
Oak Ridge.....	R	1911	4	Rev. Major Caudill, Hays.....			2			261			no	no	100		
Piney Grove.....	R	1888		Rev. L. E. Sparks, Traphill.....			3			125			no	no	867		
Pleasant Ridge.....	R	1907	1 & 3	Rev. J. L. Powers, W. Elkin.....	14	3	5	146	74	220	1	8	no	no	1,321		
Pleasant View.....	R	1944	2 & 4	Rev. Woodrow Wishon, State Road.....	23	3	3	147	75	196	3		no	no	586		
Roaring Gap.....	R	1901	1 & 3	Rev. Hillery Blevins, Hays.....	1	1	5			222	1	3	no	no	100		
Rock Springs.....	R	1904	2 & 4	Rev. C. W. Bryant, North Wilkesboro.....			1	110		150			no	no	180		
Stony Ridge.....	R	1905	3	Rev. L. E. Sparks, Traphill.....	5	1	2	110					no	no	185		
Traphill.....	V	1887	1 & 3	Rev. C. W. Bryant, North Wilkesboro.....		2	1			71			no	no	273		
Union.....	R	1911	3	Rev. A. A. Staley, Wilbar.....	4	1	2	110	74	184	1		no	no	196		
Walnut Grove.....	R	1902	1	Rev. Garfield Gambill, Elkin.....			15			233	1		no	no			

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Off. Not Counted	Mission S. S. Enrollment	Grand Total S. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible Sch. Enrollment	Average Attendance V. B. S.	No. Training Sch.
Baptist Home.....	Wade H. Barlow, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	15	21	18	54	23	25	125			20		301	192	158	141	1
Benham.....	C. B. Settle, R. 2, Elkin.....		25	22	33		91		10			10	181	90			
Bethel.....	M. A. Miller, Hays.....		25	10	20	25	20	29			2		129	93			
Chestnut Grove.....	Lake Kilby, Vanmoy.....		8	15	17	14					7		81	61			
Dehart.....	Dennis Walker, Hays.....													35			
Elk Spur.....	Haywood Brown, Traphill.....																
Fairplains.....	Bruce Dearman, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	50	30	32	23	43	21	126			15	290	199			180	
Flint Hill.....		10	12	36	15	10	12	14			5		114	75			
Haymeadow.....	U. M. Harrold, Hays.....		13	11	19	45		28			7		95	74			
Knobbs.....	Raymond McGann, R. 2, Elkin.....			26	16	16	16				4		90	58			
Maple Grove.....	Ralph Pendry, North Wilkesboro.....	2	18	16	10	10	25						90	71			
Mount Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, R. 1, Traphill.....	6	2	8	10	7	10	25			6		75				
Mountain Valley.....	Ancil Faw, Millers Creek.....		9	8	14	10	32	17					90	60			
Mount Zion.....	L. V. Shumate, R. 1, Wilbar.....			6				10					15				
Mountain View.....	Troy L. Perry, Hays.....		20	6	25	20	15	77					163	70			
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....			9	10	8	12	15	16		6		70	50			
Oak Grove.....	Miss Cavil Owens, Wilbar.....		2	4	3	5	6	4					24	20	20		
Oak Ridge.....	Dayal Wiles, Hays.....			26	8	10	22	34					100	64			
Piney Grove.....	Mrs. W. C. Brewer, R. 1, Traphill.....		11	13				28					53	35			
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. W. Carter, State Road.....	8	11	13	21	14	21	54	24		6		172	110	93	88	1
Pleasant View.....	Harvey Hayes, State Road.....		20	18	18	40	105				9		210	132			
Roaring Gap.....	James Reece, Thurmond.....	3	12	13	20	9	36				7		99	76			
Rock Springs.....	Van Wyatt, McGrady.....	3		8	15	15	9						50	40			
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabb, Traphill.....		17	17	20	26							80	50			
Traphill.....	Bert C. Brown, Traphill.....		13	7	13	13					2		48	22			
Union.....	Odell Whittington, Wilbar.....		12	15	23	30							80	60	56	50	
Walnut Grove.....	Will Gambill, Hays.....		3	6	14	6	12	28			6		75	44			

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES										
		Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers	Enrolled	Grand Total	Av. Attendance
Baptist Home.....	Gwyn A. Caudill, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	20	15	41	18	18	34	6	142	91	
Fairplains.....	Odell Jones, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	13	...	12	11	18	28	5	87	59	
Pleasant Ridge.....	Burr Hutchison, R. 2, Elkin.....	...	4	4	13	18	22	6	67	40	
Pleasant View.....	Lee Jennings, State Road.....	...	...	15	...	20	20	3	58	25	
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. C. M. Royal, Thurmond.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

Baptist Home Church, Mrs. Wade H. Barlow, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, President of W. M. S., — W. M. S. Units—1, W. M. S. Enrolled—19, Total Enrolled—19, Enrolled in Mission Study—15, Total Tithers All Organizations—8.
 Pleasant Ridge Church, Mrs. Burr Hutchison, Rt. 2, Elkin, President of W. M. S. W. M. S. Units—1, W. M. S. Enrolled—24, Total Enrolled—24, Total Tithers All Organizations—5.

TABLE E—BROTHERHOOD WORK-BUILDING-GOALS-CHURCH LIBRARY-CHURCH MUSIC-VISUAL EDUCATION

CHURCHES	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association missions coming Year	Does your church have a library?	CHURCH MUSIC Volunteer	No. church choir	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Baptist Home.....	\$50,000.00	\$6,000.00			no	x	1	no	no
Benham.....					no	x	1	no	no
Bethel.....	2,400.00				no	x	1	no	no
Elk Spur.....					no	v	1	no	no
Fairplains.....	12,000.00				no	v	1	no	no
Haymeadow.....	4,000.00				no	v	1	no	no
Maple Grove.....	4,000.00				yes		1	no	no
Mountain Valley.....	3,000.00				no	v	1	no	no
Mountain View.....	10,000.00				no	v	1	no	no
Mount Zion.....	5,000.00				no			no	no
New Light.....	1,500.00				no			no	no
Pleasant Ridge.....	30,000.00	4,000.00			no	v	1	no	no
Pleasant View.....	14,000.00				no			no	no
Roaring Gap.....	12,000.00				no	v	1	no	no
Rock Springs.....	3,500.00	375.00			no			no	no
Stony Ridge.....	6,000.00				no	v	1	no	no
Traphill.....	1,750.00				no			no	no
Union.....			35.00	60.00	no	v		no	no
Walnut Grove.....	3,000.00				no	v	1	no	no

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books Printing	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	\$7394		\$800	\$ 100	\$280	\$200	\$290	\$ 3452	\$733	\$ 5855	\$1540	\$ 7395
Benham.....	Marvin Byrd, R. 2, Elkin.....	1587		76	686	82				104	998	506	1504
Bethel.....	Otto Rhodes, Hays.....	2412	48	36	1910	51				115	2060	177	2338
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, R. 1, Wilbar.....			42								108	150
Dehart.....		98										73	98
Elk Spur.....	Martha Smith, Glade Valley.....	90				10						80	90
Fairplains.....	Mrs. Thera Warren, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	8767	360		807	363	160	186		302	2179	1117	3296
Flint Hill.....	Mrs. Garland Reeves, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro.....	531		18		148	80					100	531
Haymeadow.....	R. M. Elledge, Hays, Rt. 1.....				510	45	11	76		23	664	193	857
Knobbs.....	M. G. Key, R. 2, Elkin.....	561	36		55	34					125	114	939
Maple Grove.....	Glenn Dancy, Jr. N. Wilkesboro.....	3264	105	198	325	108	233	190			1158	1687	28451
Mount Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, R. 1, Traphill.....	615	12	82		35	200	28		29	376	195	572
Mountain Valley.....	Sylvan Kilby, R. 1, Millers Creek.....	618		40	105	50	30	90		35	350	240	590
Mountain View.....	C. E. Billings, Sr. Hays.....	2081	110	11	11	84	51	143		162	561	900	1461
Mount Zion.....	Mrs. C. H. Shumate, R. 1, N. Wilkesb.....	85				68	15				83		83
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, R. 1, Roaring River.....	8663	20			35	8	25		626	714	128	944
Oak Grove.....	Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar.....	108			9							105	114
Oak Ridge.....	Bill Pruitt, Hays.....	488		20	308	45				67	440	128	568
Piney Grove.....	W. F. Bowers, Hays.....	67				15	14				29	100	129
Pleasant Ridge.....	Thos. L. Davis, State Road.....	6049	195		3446	215	206	165	12357	178	18946	877	18946
Pleasant View.....	G. A. Chambers, State Road.....	3481	242	199	910	149	108	260		92	1960	1321	3281
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. W. R. DeJournette, Traphill.....	2427	58	121		61	160	52		34	1074	586	1660
Rock Springs.....	Mrs. F. W. Lovette, McGrady.....	400		21	625				300	20	866	100	966
Stony Ridge.....	C. W. Billings, Traphill.....	1406			962	41	25	118			1147	180	1327
Traphill.....	Mrs. D. C. Castevens, Traphill.....	316				27	16			10	53	185	238
Union.....	Frank Huffman, Wilbar.....	4294			3627	44		50		31	3751	274	3924
Walnut Grove.....	Arless Caudill.....	485	7			9		56		34	107	196	303

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Hospitals Designated	Relief and Annuitiy, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....	\$25.00	\$100	\$86	\$26	\$35		\$35	\$25		\$332	\$7627
Benham.....	Clifford Jordan, R. 2, Elkin.....										83	1587
Bethel.....	Otto Rhodes, Hayes.....							30	45		75	2412
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Wilbar.....											108
Dehart.....												98
Elk Spur.....	Martha Smith, Glade Valley.....											90
Fairplains.....	Lonnie Haynes, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....		100	197		25		150	167		640	3936
Flint Hill.....	Glenn Burchette, R. 2, Wilkesboro.....											531
Haymeadow.....	R. M. Elledge, Hays.....			59				18	19		96	953
Knobs.....	C. S. Lyon, Traphill.....		60	7				14	26		107	350
Maple Grove.....	A. C. Yale, Jr. Hays.....		217					90	40	72	419	3264
Mountain Valley.....	Johnny Higgins, Wilbar.....		20					6	10	6	43	615
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays.....								28		28	618
Mount Zion.....	Mrs. C. H. Shumate, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro.....		75		25			64	50		214	1675
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....								15			85
Oak Grove.....	Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar.....		18					5	26		49	144
Piney Grove.....	C. W. Wiles, Hays.....								3		3	117
Pleasant Ridge.....	H. J. Spicer, Hays.....											568
Pleasant View.....	Alex Carter, State Road.....	18.14	50	13	30	50	4		38		38	167
Roaring Gap.....	Lonnie Crabbs, State Road.....			25				84	30	204	484	18979
Rock Springs.....	W. R. DeJournette, Traphill.....		34					88	32	26	171	3451
Stony Ridge.....	Mrs. F. W. Lovette, McGrady.....							38	38	47	157	1231
Traphill.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill.....		43						16		16	982
Union.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill.....			36					31	5	79	1406
Walnut Grove.....	Louise Bumgarner, Wilbar.....	35.00	35	60				50	25		170	568
	Bob Johnson, Hays.....		41	10				10	10		71	374

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1954

The next annual session will be held with the Stony Ridge Baptist Church, Traphill, N. C., on Friday, September 23rd, and with Union Baptist Church, Wilbar, N. C., on Saturday, September 24, 1955.

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator C. C. Blevins, Hays
 Vice-Moderator Carroll Dancy, Rt. 1 North Wilkesboro
 Clerk Odell Whittington, Wilbar
 Treasurer Jasper Chipman, Hays

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Glenn Dancy
 Gwynn Hayes
 V. M. Harrold
 Wade Barlow
 Troy Perry

SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Cletus Settle
 Lonnie Haynes
 Raymond DeJournette
 Buel Sparks
 Ray Simmons

HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES

Rev. J. W. Yale
 Mrs. J. W. Yale

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Gwynn Caudill

HOME FOR THE AGING

Rev. S. L. Blevins

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF

Rev. Ed. Hayes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

M. L. Blevins
 Gwynn Hayes
 Mrs. Winfrey Luffman
 I. E. Sebastian

PASTORS, ADDRESSES, AND CHURCHES SERVED

Harvey White, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro	Baptist Home
M. L. Blevins, Hays	Benham
Albert Pruitt, North Wilkesboro	Bethel
Milo Huie, Winston-Salem	Dehart
Charles Richardson, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro	Elk Spur
Clate Brown, Wilkesboro	Fairplains
Albert Byrd, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro	Flint Hill
J. T. Hendrix, Hays	Haymeadow
Troy Luffman, Elkin	Knobbs
Roy Franklin, Hays	Maple Grove
Ernest Blevins, Hays	Mount Pisgah
James Reece, Thurmond	Mount Zion
Charles Richardson, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro	Mountain Valley
Minter L. Blevins, Hays	Mountain View
Hillery Blevins, Hays	New Light
Major Caudill, Hays	Oak Ridge
L. E. Sparks and A. T. Gambill	Piney Grove
J. L. Powers, Elkin	Pleasant Ridge

Woodrow Wishon, State Road	Pleasant View
Hillery Blevins, Hays	Roaring Gap
Richard Byrd, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro	Rock Springs
L. E. Sparks, Traphill	Stony Ridge
C. W. Bryant, North Wilkesboro	Traphill
Paul Phipps, Crumpler, ...	Union
Garfield Gambill, Elkin	Walnut Grove
Major Caudill, McGrady	Chestnut Grove

MINISTERS IN ASSOCIATION NOT PASTORS

Uriah Hanks, Hays, Rt. 1
 Gar Pruitt, Elkin
 A. A. Staley, Wilbar
 John Burcham, Roaring River
 E. E. Douglas, McGrady
 George Curry, Thurmond
 W. F. Cooper, Traphill
 E. R. Wiles, Thurmond
 Arlie Simmons, Thurmond
 Major Felts, Hays
 Reavis Whitley, Hays
 G. W. Prevette, Roaring River
 S. L. Blevins, Hays
 A. B. Hays, Hays
 John Kilby, Millers Creek
 S. T. Childress, Hillsville, Va.
 Robert Pruitt, Elkin
 Odell Wyatt, North Wilkesboro
 Thurmond Ratliff, North Wilkesboro
 Garland Reeves, North Wilkesboro
 Jesse Yale, Rt. 4 North Wilkesboro
 Albert Byrd, Rt 1, North Wilkesboro
 Banner Wyatt, Newton
 Paul Smith, Glade Valley
 Grant Hinchey, Hays
 Allen Wagoner, McGrady
 B. H. Barker, Raoring River
 David Cockerham, Rt. 2, Elkin
 Amos Lyon, Rt. 2, Elkin
 James Adams, Rt. 2, Elkin
 J. E. Hayes, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
 Willis Byrd, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BAPTIST HOME— John McGrady, Mrs. John McGrady, Mrs. Blanche Prevette
 BENHAM— Rosey Ross, Virgil Settle, James Barker
 BETHEL— Otto Rhodes, J. G. Mayberry, Mack Rhodes
 CHESTNUT GROVE— Connie Haynes, Bud Shepherd, McKinley Absher
 DEHART— Odell Handy, W. R. Handy, Bradley Rhodes
 ELK SPUR— Hardin Royal, Quincy Royal, Everette Hicks
 FAIRPLAINS— Jesse Yale, Mrs. Jesse Yale, C. B. Johnston, Mrs. Deliah Marlow
 FLINT HILL— Garland Reeves, Thurmond Ratliff, Mrs. Walter Stone
 HAYMEADOW— J. E. Sebastian, D. M. Cleary, John Myers
 KNOBBS— Harold Lyon, Raymond Higgins, Brady Cheek
 MAPLE GROVE— Wayne Elledge, Oscar Felts, Ralph Pendry
 MT. PISGAH— Buck Sparks, Burr Bowers, C. A. Absher, Jr.

MT. ZION— P. C. Dancy, J. H. Faw, Mrs. Ethel Jennings
 MOUNTAIN VALLEY— J. C. Kilby, W. B. Kilby, Gwynn Hayes
 MOUNTAIN VIEW— Mrs. Effie Pruitt, Mrs. G. C. Pendry, Mrs.
 Vernon Woodruff
 NEW LIGHT— Clifton Prevette, Earl Prevette, Harold Wood. R. C.
 Durham
 OAK GROVE— Not represented
 OAK RIDGE— Bruce Johnson, Boyd Higgins, Bill Pruitt
 PINEY GROVE— H. J. Spicer, Claude Bowers, J. W. Maberry
 PLEASANT RIDGE— Mrs. Burr Hutchison, Mrs. Walter Luffman, B.
 W. Carter
 PLEASANT VIEW— Ether Cockerham, W. P. Bell, James Hanks
 ROARING GAP— W. R. DeJournette, Warren Davis, Guy Crouse
 ROCK SPRINGS— Mrs. Fletch Lovette, Fletch Lovette, Delbert Myers
 STONY RIDGE— G. B. Crabbe, C. W. Billings, Johnny Crabbe
 TRAPHILL— Mrs. Doris Day, Mrs. Kathleen Holbrook, Mrs. Hattie
 Brown
 UNION— Jesse South, Mrs. Louise Bumgarner, Frank Huffman
 WALNUT GROVE— Bob Johnson, Bill Gambill, G. E. Blevins

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates chosen by the churches and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church letters certifying their appointments, communicating information relative to the state of the church and may make an oral report of the interests and progress thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator a Clerk and Treasurer. The last two offices may be held by the same brother. These elections may be held in such a way as the Association may direct.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order and to perform other duties pertaining to the office. In the absence of the Moderator the Vice-Moderator shall perform these duties.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds received and all monies paid out and shall make a report of same every three months to the clerk of each church.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all plans for each annual meeting of the Association; to consider all letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding associations or our State Baptist Board requiring any attention thereon, and to report same back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall be considered as an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be in the province of the Association to correspond with nearby sister associations of our faith and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Association mission work and for this purpose there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, including the Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to direct such work; to approve receipts and disbursements of funds and any other duty the Association may direct.

14th. At each annual session there may be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers Relief, Home for the Aging, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes, Time, Place and Preacher for the next session and any other reports the Association deems necessary.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place or places as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish churches with minutes of her proceedings and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that this may be compiled in the minutes. Each church shall also urge their Pastor to attend each annual session of the Association and make provisions to enable him to do so.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members concurring; the churches having been previously notified.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprovved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1st. We believe in only one true and living God; father, son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Test-

aments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5th. We believe that sinners are called, converted and regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode is by immersion.

7th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8th. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

Fifty-eighth Annual Session

of the

STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with

KNOBBS AND BENHAM CHURCHES

September 24 and 25, 1954

First Day, Knobbs, Morning Session

STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The morning session was called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning, with the Moderator, Bro. C. C. Blevins, presiding. Bro. John McGrady led the singing of "How Firm a Foundation" and Bro. Woodrow Wishon led the opening prayer.

Upon a roll call of the churches 26 were represented and one absent. Twenty-six Associational Letters were received from messengers.

The moderator made note of the ministers present and found there were 26 in attendance.

The following visitors were recognized: Bro. W. B. Biggerstaff of Raleigh, Bro. Paul Phipps of Ashe County, Bro. W. K. McGee of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, Bro. Edward L. Spivey from State Mission Board and Bro. Garfield Gambill of Surry County.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Tentative Program

STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

September 24 and 25, 1954

Knobbs Baptist Church—Friday, September 24

10:00 Devotional—Rev. Leroy Luffman

10:15 Reports of Delegates, Committees and Officers:

1. Roll call of Churches

2. Report of Committee of Arrangements

3. Report of Executive Committee

4. Recognition of visitors

5. Report of Associational Missionary, Mrs. Winfrey Luffman

- 6. Report of Clerk, Odell Whittington
 - 7. Report of Treasurer, Jasper G. Chipman
 - 8. Report of Moderator, C. C. Blevins
 - 9. Unfinished business
 - 11:00 Organization—Election of officers
 - 11:30 Sermon—Rev. Clate Brown
 - 12:00 Lunch at Church
 - 1:00 Reassemble—Prayer
 - 1:05 American Bible Society—Mrs. Harvey White
 - 1:15 Orphanage—Rev. Amos Lyon, J. G. Chipman, Connie Haynes
 - 1:35 Hospital—Mrs. J. W. Yale, Dennis Walker, Everett Hicks
 - 2:05 Missions and Baptist Program—Rev. Roy Franklin, C. S. Lyon, V. M. Harrold
 - 2:35 Temperance—Rev. Garfield Gambill, Lonnie Billings, Treliia Kilby
 - 2:55 Special Reports and Adjourn
 - Benham Baptist Church—Saturday, September 25**
 - 10:00 Devotional—Rev. M. L. Blevins
 - 10:15 Christian Education—Gwyn Caudill, R. C. Dancy, Clifton Pevette
 - 10:35 Periodicals—Rev. Hillery Blevins, Mack Royall, Miss Cavil Owens
 - 10:55 Aged Ministers' Relief—Rev. L. E. Sparks, Mrs. W. C. Brewer, Mrs. Earl Royall
 - 11:15 Sermon—Rev. Harvey White
 - 12:00 Lunch at Church
 - 1:00 Reassemble—Prayer
 - 1:05 Home for the Aging—Mrs. Burr Hutchison, Rev. Watson Bryant, Rev. Bill Pruitt
 - 1:30 Sabbath Schools—Vernon Woodruff, Rev. Garland Reeves, Gorman E. Blevins
 - 1:50 Pastor and Church Relations—Rev. M. L. Blevins, Rev. Paul Phipps, G. B. Crabbe
 - 2:30 Miscellaneous Reports
 - 3:00 Adjourn
- (Prepared by Committee of Arrangements and Associational Officers.)

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

(March-September 1954)

- 24 Churches visited
- 116 visits to Churches
- 4036 miles traveled
- 334 letters written
- 23 postal cards written
- 3 Study courses taught (5 nights each)
- 15 Vacation Bible Schools in Association
 - 8 personally conducted
 - 4 arrangements made to be conducted by summer worker
 - 3 planned and conducted by individual churches
- 1 Training Union organized
- 1 Religious community census
- 1 Mission study course (1 night)
- Planned and conducted associational Vacation Bible School Clinic
- Planned and conducted associational W. M. S. meeting
- Mimeographed programs for V. B. S. Clinic, W. M. S. Meeting, Sunday School Convention, and present session of Association.
- Prepared manuscript of Sunday School Convention minutes for printer and distributed minutes.
- Attended 12 Meetings outside association

My heart-felt thanks and appreciation to the Associational Officers, the Pastors, the Sunday School Superintendents, and all the people of the various Churches who, by their support, their kindness, their encouragement have made me feel welcome in their Churches and have made my task a happy one.

My gratitude to God for His many blessings to me, personally, and to His children who make up the membership of the Stone Mountain Association.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. WINFREY LUFFMAN,
Associational Missionary

Upon motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Glenn Dancy made an oral report of the work done by the Executive Committee for the past year and the report was accepted by the Association.

Bro. Odell Whittington, Clerk; Bro. Jasper G. Chipman, Treasurer, and Bro. C. C. Blevins, Moderator, each submitted an oral report and same was accepted by The Association.

The Moderator made note of the ministers present and found 26 in attendance.

An offering was now taken for the Minute fund with Bro. Leroy Luffman and Mrs. Winfrey Luffman waiting on the congregation.

ORGANIZATION ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Bro. C. C. Blevins, Moderator

Bro. Odell Whittington, Clerk

Bro. Carrol Dancy, Vice Moderator

Bro. Jasper Chipman, Treasurer

Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, Missionary Worker.

Song—"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

Sermon—Bro. Clate Brown using his Scripture Lesson Isaiah 44th Chapter. Verses 14-18.

Recess for lunch with benediction by Bro. J. T. Hendrix.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. C. C. Blevins

Song: "Work for the Night is Coming"

Prayer by Bro. Roy Franklin

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

People everywhere must have the Bible in their own language if the word of God is to speak to their hearts. The bible is the missionary's chief tool. Every type of missionary must use it. In fact, the bible itself is a missionary. It can go where we cannot go, stay when we must leave, and continue to spread its light in the hearts of men from day to day. The greatest helper in getting bibles for and to those who need them is the American Bible Society. Its aids in bible translations; publishes the Scriptures without note or comment and distributes them without profit to all parts of the world. In special cases, at home and abroad, bibles are supplied without charge. The raised letter editions and records are prepared especially for the blind and supplied wherever needed. The society is of great service to the Southern Baptist Mission in supplying its needs in all parts of the world.

During 1953 the Society distributed more than 15 million bibles throughout the world. In the United States it supplied 726,391 copies in 81 languages. It furnished the Japanese Bible Society bibles for dis-

tribution in Japan; supplied large numbers to civilians, military personnel and prisoners of war in Korea. It has strengthened its work in Latin America; supplied 500,000 bibles for refugees in Western Germany, and material for 400,000 bibles and testaments to be distributed behind the Iron Curtain. In addition to all this it has supplied 1,301,145 bibles for our own armed forces.

This gigantic task has been made possible through gifts and donations from all denominations totaling \$785,897 of which the tribution being exceeded only by the amount contributed by the Methodist.

Has your church contributed to this?

The help of every Southern Baptist Church is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BLANCHE N. PREVETTE

Upon motion report was adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

The Baptist Orphanage was able to care for about 700 children last year. The physical plants both at Mills Home and Kennedy Home are now in good condition.

At Mills Home the Recreational Center and the beautiful new Church Building were completed during 1953. Now for the first time in its history Mills Home has adequate places for its children both to play and to worship. The Church stands in the very center of the campus with its tall spire pointing heavenward. It is by far the most beautiful building ever erected at your Orphanage. As the children are led in worship by our pastor, there is a spirit of reverence which would thrill the heart of every North Carolina Baptist.

The new church building at Kennedy Hall is now under construction and when finished will be equally as beautiful (though not as large) as the one at Mills Home. It will enable us to meet the spiritual needs of the children far better than ever before. North Carolina Baptists should rejoice that special friends have made these Church buildings possible. They should also thank God that every effort is being made to see that their homeless children are privileged to grow up in a spiritual atmosphere.

The income from 1953 was good. Our churches through the Once-a-Month offering and the Thanksgiving offering continue to meet the challenge of the homeless children in our midst. Truly God will continue to bless our people as they minister to those who can't help themselves. Our Savior said, "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me; but him that sent me."

Amos Lyon
Jasper G. Chipman
Connie Haynes

On motion report was adopted.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

All people who read the New Testament know that teaching and healing are the two principal precepts of Christ's ministry. This is the principal object of the Baptist Hospital. Many years ago noble hearted men and women realized the great need for means of caring for our needy and sick and afflicted and through their efforts we now have one of the largest, best staffed and equipped hospitals in the south. The Baptist Hospital, Bowman Gray School of Medicine and Wake Forest College form the medical center of the baptists in North Carolina. We

have one of the best schools for nurses' training in the state turning out a steady stream of highly qualified nurses to care for our sick. The out-patient department of the Baptist Hospital cared for about 50,000 patients last year, many of whom were able to pay only a part or none of the cost of treatment. It is only through our Mothers' Day offering that this vast number of our people can receive this free treatment. We are reminded of the little blind boy who spent nine months in the hospital and how well he was cared for by the doctors and nurses and our hearts thrill with joy when we realize that it was through the goodness and generosity of our baptist brothers and sisters that this treatment was made possible. We should feel doubly thankful to the Giver of all good gifts that we are able to provide this wonderful care for our sick and ailing and should stand ready at all times, and especially on Mothers' day, to give generously. Be ready and give liberally this year. The money is badly needed. Remember, Christ said: "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these, my bretheren, ye did it not unto me." How thankful we should be that the Lord has blessed our efforts in providing this great institution of mercy to care for those not able to care for themselves.

Let us firmly resolve to do more to further this great work on next Mothers' Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Yale
W. E. Hicks

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

- I. STATE MISSIONS is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

(1) There are 4,200,000 people in the State. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight are unchurched. If 25% of the affiliated church members are unsaved, then 62½% of the of the people of North Carolina above the age of eight years are lost. North Carolina, therefore, is far from being half Christian. Here is our urgent challenge.

(2) We have 760,000 Baptist church members in North Carolina. Perhaps 35% of these are enlistel and are being taught and trained in Christian giving, living, and serving. This means that 65% of our church constituency is not dedicated in the Christian profession. In this undeveloped area the churches have their primary challenge.

(3) The above interpretation of the purpose and challenge of State Missions demand a varied program of mission activity.

A. Our people need to be taught and trained. Therefore, three of the most significant phases of our state Missions work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, and Rural Church Departments. Already 2,000 Vacation Bible Schools have been reported for 1954 - giving 23,000 to the Cooperative Program. Over 6,000 of our Baptist people attended Training Union Weeks at Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest this summer. Perhaps this is a record for any state. Many rural churches have been enlisted in our Baptist program of Stewardship and Organizational life. Many quarter and half time churches have been led to actuate full-time programs of service.

B. Over 60% of the people in North Carolina are lost - and need a Saviour. State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their com-

munities; also to plan for and promote united evangelistic efforts on a State and Associational-wide scale. Since the organization of this Department baptisms have averaged 8,000 a year more.

C. A growing population demands new and stronger churches. State Missions provides a necessary and significant ministry through aid on the purchase of sites for new churches and some one hundred or more salaries for pastors. These supports enable new churches to move forward in a building program and other churches to strengthen their programs and enable the pastors to give more of their time in developing stewardship churches.

D. A more highly developed and intelligent congregation demands a better trained pastor. Pastors' Schools are promoted through State Missions to meet this growing demand. Each year about 125 pastors receive better training at Fruitland. Refresher courses are offered from time to time at Mars Hill and Caswell for the benefit of all pastors - trained or untrained. This summer we reached approximately 500 during these two weeks.

E. The colored races in our midst constitute a large percentage of our population. State Missions seeks to minister in a limited degree to the Negroes and Indians. We should do more - not because the Catholics are winning them, but because we should. Ours is the major denomination in North Carolina and, therefore, they are our responsibility.

F. Other areas of need constantly challenge the resources of State Missions, Namely:

- (a) The Allied Church League. This organization is doing a tremendous job in helping to produce a sober and sane citizenship in North Carolina.
- (b) The Silent People. Three thousand of them beckon for our care, love, and concern.
- (c) The Department of Pastoral Care. All our pastors need help, counsel, guidance in facing their own problems and those of their people. This department cannot begin to meet the calls that come.
- (d) The Assemblies - Fruitland and Caswell. Our people greatly need the fellowship, inspiration and training they offer. Perhaps 12,000 attended these assemblies this summer.

G. Our church and denominational leaders of tomorrow need to be taught and trained in cooperation and loyalty now. State Missions promotes a Baptist Student program among 20,000 sons and daughters from our Baptist homes who are attending the many colleges, universities, business and medical schools of our State. These young men and women constitute a great potential leadership for all areas of tomorrow's world. The churches will need the strength and service of that leadership.

H. What are the Sources of Support whereby State Missions can function effectively and fruitfully in all these phases of work?

Here they are:

(1) Cooperative Program	\$262,000	if goals are met
(2) Sunday School Board	20,000	
(3) Home Mission Board	2,000	
(4) W. M. U. Week of Prayer	72,000	(goal)

\$356,000

(5) Offering through the Sunday Schools October 24 ? ? ? ? ?

The State Missions budget to meet minimum needs is 450,000.

The minimum goal for State Missions Day on October 24 is 94,000.

I. Therefore, will you as an individual and you as a church do your part so that the first part of The Great Commission might be

obeyed - and that these rich ministries might be continued to the extent that next year North Carolina and the world might be more Christian?

This report was submitted and discussed in a very able manner by Bro. Edward L. Spivey.

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

For more than fifty years the Stone Mountain Association has met in annual session, and at each session adopted resolutions and viewed with alarm the evils of strong drink. One of the gravest problems facing the church to-day is intemperance. We should be temperate in all things but our greatest concern is the use of alcoholic beverages. The toll exacted in human misery as a result of alcohol is enormous. Medical writers tell us that between 10 and 25 per cent of all patients admitted to state hospitals suffer from alcoholic conditions. It is among the top ranking cause of psychosis. There are now more than a million known alcoholics in this country. Traffic accidents show from 5 to 50 per cent of the fatalities to be due to alcohol. What has the church done or is doing now toward curbing a situation that has become almost intolerable? Men engage in the manufacture of illicit liquor almost openly, carry it over our highways in highpowered cars in defiance of the law. It is high time the churches and Christian people took steps to clear up this deplorable situation. We have plenty of laws if enforced to drive the dispensers and makers of illicit whiskey from our country. Who is responsible for the laws not being enforced? The church and Christian people largely. We sit with folded hands and let the lawless element choose our officers and map the policy of enforcement. It behoves us to look the disgraceful facts square in the face, and as good citizens stand together and elect men to office that favor law and order. If the Christian people take such steps it will do much toward stamping out this hideous evil.

GARFIELD GAMBILL

LONNIE BILLINGS

TRELIA KILBY — Committee

The report was adopted.

A very able and instructive talk on the danger of alcohol was made by Brother W. B. Biggerstaff.

The afternoon session closed with a benediction by Brother Paul Phipps.

The second day of the fifty-eighth session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association met with Benham Baptist Church. The Moderator, Brother C. C. Blevins called the meeting to order. The hymn "At the Cross" was sung by the congregation.

Brother M. L. Blevins conducted the devotional, using as his Scripture the 28th Chapter of Genesis.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The developments of 1953-1954 should be very encouraging to Southern Baptist and to our Association.

There was an increase of six (6%) per cent in total enrollments in our Southern Baptist institutions. The increase was greatest in the Seminaries and this should be of special interest due to the fact that over the entire United States enrollments in Seminaries dropped 10.8 per cent. The enrollments in Southern Baptist institutions reached an all time high of 10,007.

Our Colleges have gone "all out" in distribution of Special Literature for use in Churches and their organizations. More than 700,000

pieces of this material have been sent to 17,000 Churches of our Southern Baptist Association.

Construction work on additions, purchase of new property and housing facilities, are among some of the advancements that are taking place with some of our Institutions, which is further proof that we are going forward in the educational program.

Special surveys have been carried out on colleges in some of the States that the Conventions of these States could better co-operate with the colleges.

The total investment in endowment and property values, as of March, 1954, was \$155,722,060.00. This represented an increase in endowments of, roughly, two and one-half million dollars, and in property values, about eight million dollars.

It is encouraging to note that a greater interest in our boys and girls, with respect to their college life, is being shown by our churches throughout the convention territory.

As we note our progress in our Christian Institutions, let's look to the future for a still greater work, accept the responsibility, work diligently, and seek Divine guidance in every move we make and every suggestion we may offer.

Respectfully submitted,
GWYN CAUDILL

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Jesus said "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John: 8-32. The hope of our church, community, and nation depend upon our devotion to Him.

Our lives are greatly influenced by what we read. There is a number of ways to improve our christian education, by experience, listening to others, and what we read. A lot of what we read is written by someone who is giving his views or experience. This is a kind of christian fellowship, also showing our love one for another.

No person is well educated without devoting a lot of his time to reading. If we have time to read why not read the best literature? The Bible, good books and good literature. These can be obtained through our Baptist organization. We learn something of our Baptist organization through the Biblical Recorder. One of the best christian periodicals to have in the home.

Our young people like to read, if good literature is kept handy. It will be read a lot of time where if not other things would take it's place. It has been said "A man is known by the company he keeps." I would like to add; a man is known by what he reads. Christian Literature does not need defending; it needs more distribution and wider reading. As our nation is being flooded with literature of such a nature that the U. S. Mail refuse to carry it.

The present circulation of the Biblical Recorder is approximately 57,000 each week. It should go into every Baptist Home.

H. E. BLEVINS
MACK ROYALL
MISS CAVIL OWENS

Report was adopted and ably discussed by Brother Mack Royal.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT — 1954

We want to express our grateful appreciation for your support of the Allied Church League through Our State Missions Program in North Carolina. Co-operation on the part of Christian people throughout the state has been very encouraging. Eight local elections have been held in the state during the past year and seven of them have

been won by the "dry" forces. With the addition of an extra man to the staff we have been able to make many more contacts all over the state than before. The personnel of the league assisted in organizing Citizens Committees for Good Government during the early months of 1954. Some educational work has been done and many speaking engagements have been met.

We believe that alcohol is the number one problem facing this generation. It is more serious than any outside threat to the peace and security of our nation. According to health statistics it is the number four health problem in our country, and the National Safety Council says that it is the number four killer on our highways. Another way to put it is to say that 25% of those killed in highway accidents are killed because some one has been drinking. In North Carolina the problem is even worse since the N. C. Highway Patrol says that 34% of those killed in our state are killed because of alcohol.

How big is this problem? The most reliable figures indicate that 67 million people above the age of 15 years are using alcohol as a beverage. Of these 7 million are either problem drinkers or chronic alcoholics. There is being added to this latter group about 250,000 per year. The amount spent for liquor each year amounts to about ten billion dollars now. Alcohol is involved in approximately 75% of the crime committed and the crime bill is nearly 20 billions of dollars according to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

In North Carolina there are thirty counties which have ABC stores, in number 121. There are six municipalities in "dry" counties which have 19 stores. A total of 140 liquor stores. There are 52 counties which sell beer and wine legally and 19 municipalities selling beer and wine in "dry" counties.

The League will be pressing for a state-wide referendum when the legislature meets in January 1955. We are also asking that every church in the state have a committee on Alcohol Education. It is our growing conviction that we must combat alcohol propaganda with truth and the most effective agency for teaching the truth about it is the church. We strongly urge also that parents teach the facts about alcohol in the home where education first begins.

We urge the churches to observe Commitment Day the first Sunday in December, or the nearest Sunday which is convenient. Commitment cards for this purpose may be secured from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully,

W. P. BIGGERSTAFF
Associate Director
Allied Church League, Inc.

The following visitors were with us Saturday. Brother Eugene Olive, Wake Forest, Brother M. H. Kindall, Mars Hill, Brother C. W. Bazemore of the Biblical Recorder, and Brother Charlie Miles of the Primitive Baptist Association.

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Sermon by Brother Harvey White on the subject of: "Holding the Line for Christ."

Recess for lunch with prayer by Brother W. A. Eichelberger.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was resumed at 1:00 o'clock by singing the hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Brother Bill Pruitt offered the opening prayer.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS RELIEF

In memory of our pioneer preachers who have toiled so faithfully to lay the foundation of our denomination, and to our aged ministers,

who because of old age or physical infirmity are unable to continue their ministries, we, the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, do respect and honor them.

With gratitude in our hearts, we as an Association, count it a God-given privilege to support and have a part in this plan to minister to our aged ministers who have spent their best working years in serving others.

They have been loyal to stand by us in both sunshine and storm, so let's not fail to stand by them, they need our prayers and support.

Report was submitted by Mrs. Earl Royall and very ably discussed by Brother James M. Hayes.

REPORT ON THE HOME FOR THE AGING

The fourth Associational year of the Baptist Home for the Aging has been one of considerable expansion and encouraging progress. There are many evidences of the continued blessing of God upon this newest phase of our North Carolina Baptist program.

A step forward was taken when the Albemarle Home opened its doors on December 7, 1954. It afforded space for 35 additional residents making the total capacity of the two Homes 54 residents—Resthaven, Winston-Salem (19), and the Albemarle Home (35). The purchase price of the property at Albemarle—Hospital and Nurses Home buildings and 3 acres of land—was \$25,000. The cost of renovation was about \$75,000, thus making the total cost of this plant \$100,000. But, with the value of the equipment donated, the property there should now be worth at least \$300,000. Good fortune was ours again in securing the splendid staff of helpers at Albemarle. Rev. Zeb A. Caudle, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, was selected to serve as superintendent of the Albemarle Home. Both the residents of, and all who have visited, the Home have been greatly pleased with the program of service.

Resthaven, at Winston-Salem, which began operating March 16, 1951, has been filled to capacity throughout the year. Although the ages in both Homes range from 67 to 94 years, there has been no death within the past year. The general health has been remarkably good, and the spirit of satisfaction on the part of the residents has been most encouraging. The greatest loss came from the retirement of Miss Edna L. Heinzerling, supervisor of Resthaven since its opening. She had rendered most acceptable service. Mrs. Ethel Fulghum, a resident of Resthaven, was selected to act as supervisor temporarily.

A tract of 34 acres of land, just outside of the city limits of Winston-Salem, was purchased in 1953, for a central site for new buildings. The cost was \$25,000. A topographical map has been made and an architect engaged to prepare sketches of buildings to be erected on this central site, as money and circumstances will permit. It is the intention of the trustees, however, to proceed with one building at a time. The first unit will furnish space for additional residents and for offices, chapel, infirmary, laundry, refrigeration, etc. It is hoped that construction of the first unit can get under way within a year.

Inquiries have been received as to the possibility of a couple erecting a cottage on the central site, so that they might live in it until death, and then the cottage would be available to another couple. The cost of erecting and furnishing it would be paid by the couple, but it would become the property of the North Carolina Baptist Homes.

The second Special Day offering, February 21, 1954, was encouraging. The total amount will probably be \$65,000 to \$70,000. In addition, the Homes received \$21,000 as their share of the Nine-Year Program. Word has come, too, of wills, from which the Homes will receive gifts. At least one will was probated in 1954, from which estate the Homes will receive \$2,000. But the most encouraging progress has been the

response, on the part of our churches, to the program of the Homes. More and more of them are beginning to support the Homes through the Special Day Offering, or by specially designated gifts. These evidences indicate the future success of the Homes in providing more facilities and accomodating larger numbers of aging friends.

The residents and all who are serving in the Homes are deeply grateful for the help received thus far, and they covet the prayers and continued support of our Baptist constituency in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Burr Hutchison
Rev. Watson Bryant
Rev. Bill Pruitt

On motion report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

And Jesus when he came out saw much people and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. Mark 6:34

We are much concerned about the work of the Kingdom and this includes the task of teaching. Our Sunday Schools are the means of getting the word of God to our people. When we are taught then we grasp the idea of our needs and also, of our work. During the past year the reports have been most encouraging. I have visited the majority of the 27 churches during the past year and have been greatly impressed by the way that our folks are concerned and going about doing the work of the Sunday Schools. Up to date I have reports from 13 Schools as to their gains. This number have the total of 437 new members. When all reports are in we can safely say that The Stone Mountain Association has reached the goal set aside as our gain in the campaign for "A million more in 54". We are thankful to God for his divine guidance and then we are grateful to you as individual schools for your efforts. May we continue to go ahead and make greater progress in the days ahead. Looking to God as our leader we can and we will go ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernon Woodruff
Gorman Blevins
Garland Reeves
Committee

On motion report was adopted.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The pastor and church are two separate bodies working for one common cause. The Palmnist of long ago wrote, "The Lord is my shepherd." Our pastor is God's man bringing us God's message. The church is God's own bride and is working for the glory of the bridegroom. Present day conditions demand our very best. There are many things to detract from the true light and cause confusion. We have three suggestions to make regarding means of meeting these hurtful things. First we suggest prayer. We must be in unity in our talking to God about the work. A true pastor will carry his flock to the throne of grace daily in secret devotion; in like manner his congregation will do the same if the proper atmosphere exist in the local audience. A praying people will have but little mis-understanding. Second suggestion, co-operation. When we have a mind to work the hard places in church work, oft times, will be stepping stones to a more glorious accomplishment. Unless there is a mutual feeling that we are in the same battle for God and right and working toward that end we will never do the task before us. A half-hearted pastor or half-hearted people have never done the best for advancement. Finally for bearance will be the last

suggestion. We are none perfect as pastors nor as congregations. We must bear our problems and share alike. Perhaps the ministry has been harmed by hasty conclusions. Too little thought and not enough prayer, co-operation and for bearance will be the means of retarding the going ahead and doing our jobs. Will we pray, work and have an understanding heart in this task for Christ?

We see progress in our different fields and we are trusting God for divine guidance in the days to come. All glory and praise is due God and we must give Him what rightly belongs to Him.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Blevins

Paul Phipps

G. B. Crabbe

Committee

The foregoing report was submitted and was discussed in a very able and interesting manner by Bros. M. L. Blevins and Paul Phipps.

On motion report was adopted.

We the nominating committee place before the Stone Mountain Association the following as members to the various committees:

Executive Committee

Glenn Dancy, Chairman

Gwynn Hayes

V. M. Harrold

Wade Barlow

Troy Perry

Committee of Arrangements

Cletus Settle, Chairman

Lonnie Haynes

Raymond DeJournette

Buel Sparks

Ray Simmons

Hospital Representatives

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Yale

Christian Education

Gwynn Caudill

Home for the Aged

Rev. S. L. Blevins

Aged Ministers Relief

Rev. Edd Hayes

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Blevins

Gwynn Hayes

Mrs. Winfrey Luffman

I. E. Sebastian

Committee

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, extend to the church and to the community at Knobbs our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness and hospitality extended during the meeting of the Stone Mountain Baptist association. May we, also, thank you for the kind

spirit of christian fellowship it was our pleasure to enjoy during the meeting.

May God's love and blessings abide with each of you every day of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey White
G. E. Blevins

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to thank the Benham Church and the people of the community for the kindness and hospitality extended during the meeting of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association.

We appreciate more than we can say the fine spirit of christian fellowship that prevailed throughout the meeting.

May the blessings of God abide with you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Troy L. Perry
Garland Reeves
Ulen Billings

The foregoing reports of the Committees on Resolutions were submitted and on motion were adopted.

ASSOCIATION

The next annual session of The Stone Mountain Baptist association will be held on Friday, September 23, 1955, with Stony Ridge Church and on Saturday, September 24, 1955, with Union Church.

Bro. Glenn Dancy moved that the money left over from the Minute fund be transferred to the account of our Mission Worker.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Bro. R. C. Dancy the Association voted to take a free will offering to pay expenses of Moderator and Clerk.

A very able talk was made by Bro. Burcham on "Why I am a Baptist."

The fifty-eighth session of the Stone Mountain Association came to an end with prayer and a hand-shake, and from the deep interest manifested by a trained and consecrated ministry one is led to believe this fifty-eighth session was doubtless one of the best. Well might the sessions come to an end with praises on the lips of the earthly saints of God as they turned homeward to continue helping their Lord in saving a lost world.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Minute Fund From Churches	\$160.71
Special Offering	65.56
Total	\$226.27
Applied on Missionary's Salary	38.77
Bal turned over to Clerk to pay for minutes	\$187.50

IN MEMORIAM

BETHEL—Thomas Watkins, Annie Wood
CHESTNUT GROVE—Mrs. Rebecca Absher
DEHART—Mrs. Odell Handy
FAIRPLAINS—Mrs. Jim Woods
KNOBBS—Mrs. J. Z. Adams
MAPLE GROVE—Alfred Brown
MT. ZION—L. H. Shumate, Mrs. Dora Kyle, Milas Brown,
Mrs. Nannie Myers
MOUNTAIN VALLEY—H. T. Pless, Mrs. Halie Royal
OAK RIDGE—C. W. Wiles, Charles Higgins, Evon Byrd
PLEASANT RIDGE—Mrs. Ettie Carter, Mrs. Sophia
Walsh, Brady Carter
PLEASANT VIEW—Tyra Ross
ROARING GAP—Mrs. George Curry, Mrs. Dewey Nichol-
son, Mrs. Alma Smith
ROCK SPRINGS—Jim Roberts, Mrs. Oliva Taylor, Mrs.
Isado Elledge
UNION—W. H. Pilkenton
WALNUT GROVE—Elisha Blevins, Mrs. Theo Blevins, A.
A. Caudill

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES			Gains—Losses		T O T A L							Special Information				
	Location	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Baptism	Letters and Other Addns	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-res. Members	Grand Total	Pres. Members	Male Membership	Female Membership	Revival Meetings	No. Tithers	State Paper in Budget	No. Missions Supported by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Baptist Home	R	1880	2-4	Harvey White, North Wilkesboro, R. 1	7	3	260		260		125	135	1	9	no		\$ 1660
Benham	R	1917	1-3	M. L. Blevins, Hays	11	2	3	219		219			2	yes			
Bethel	R	1887	2	Albert Pruitt, North Wilkesboro	3	3	5		162				1	no			215
Chestnut Grove	R	1900	1-3	No pastor at present	2	5			96	21	75		2	no			
Dehart	R	1879	2	Milo Huie, Winston-Salem	1	1	4						1	no			
Elk Spur	R	1900	2	Chas. Richardson, North Wilkesboro, R.	2		39	28	67					no			80
Fairplains	V	1903	1-3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro	15	3	12	461	461				2	15	no		1203
Flint Hill	R	1912	1-3	Albert Byrd, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1	3	2	170	35	205	79	126		2	no		2	248
Haymeadow	R	1905	3	J. T. Hendrix, Hays	12	1	93	42	135	108	76		1	no			105
Knobbs	R	1906	2-4	Leroy Luffman, Elkin	16	8	6		196				3	no		7	2934
Maple Grove	R	1932	4	Roy Franklin, Hays	6	4	3	73	36	109			2	no			276
Mount Pisgah	R	1879	1	Ernest Blevins, Hays	3	1	4	66					2	yes			
Mount Zion	R	1898	4	Jim Reece, Thurmond	2	2	100	35	135				1	no			
Mountain Valley	R	1902	2-4	Chas. Richardson, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	2	2	2	100	35	135			1	no			
Mountain View	V	1902	2-4	Minter L. Blevins, Hays	2	7	4	110	15	125	55	70		3	no		1200
New Light	R	1899	2	Hillery Blevins, Hays	5	2			125				1	no			286
Oak Grove	Not Represented at Association																
Oak Ridge	R	1911	4	Major Caudill Hays	4	1	10		257				1	no			151
Piney Grove	R	1888	4	L. E. Sparks & A. L. Gambill, Hays	2	1		125		125			1	no			
Pleasant Ridge	R	1907	3	J. L. Powers, Elkin	2	2	7	134	75	209	89	120	1	12	no		840
Pleasant View	R		2-4	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	6	8	4		206				2	no			1500
Roaring Gap	R	1901	1-3	Hillery Blevins, Hays	6	8	13	132	67	199	77	122	2	2	no	6	547
Rock Springs	R	1904	2-4	Richard Byrd, N. Wilkesboro	4	6	3		160				1	no			100
Stony Ridge	R	1905	3	L. E. Sparks, Traphill	3								1	no		3	
Traphill	R	1887	1-3	C. W. Bryant, N. Wilkesboro	3	1	73						1	no			265
Union	R	1911	2-4	Paul Phipps, Crumpler	8	8	1	126	74				2	no			360
Walnut Grove	R	1902	1	Garfield Gambill, Elkin	5	1	13		226		92	134		no			

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Otc. Not Counted	Grand Total S. S.	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible Sch. Enrollment	Average V. B. S.	No. Training Sch.
Baptist Home.....	Wade H. Barlow, North Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	18	18	30	52	32	139	...	...	...	18	327	190	121	114	...
Benham.....	Amos Lyon, Elkin, R. 2.....	37	27	41	97	...	...	...	...	...	2	202	115	...	...	...
Bethel.....	M. A. Miller, Hays.....	15	8	10	15	25	20	...	...	...	9	102	65	...	...	...
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Wilbar.....	...	14	11	15	15	...	...	...	...	5	82	60	...	...	...
Dehart.....	Dennis Walker, Hays.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...
Elk Spur.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fairplains.....	Bruce Dearman, North Wilkesboro.....	43	7	38	44	62	35	36	147	23	18	453	318	169	148	...
Flint Hill.....	Louis Blackburn, North Wilkesboro, R. 4.....	...	40	30	35	30	35	...	...	...	7	170	98	...	...	...
Haymeadow.....	V. M. Harrold, Hays.....	...	...	5	15	18	12	40	...	...	...	90	75	60	50	...
Knobbs.....	Raymond McCann, Elkin.....	10	8	14	17	12	21	42	...	...	...	124	80	...	...	...
Maple Grove.....	Carroll Dancy, Hays.....	9	...	15	20	12	28	40	44	...	...	159	101	106	94	...
Mount Pisgah.....	Lonnie G. Billings, Traphill, R. 1.....	4	8	10	18	15	18	29	...	...	6	108	57	30	...	...
Mount Zion.....	Mrs. R. C. Dancy, North Wilkesboro.....	...	...	...	8	8	10	...	...	...	...	26	20	...	...	...
Mountain Valley.....	Ancil Faw, Millers Creek, R. 1.....	7	5	11	12	9	16	14	17	...	8	99	70	...	...	...
Mountain View.....	Troy L. Perry, Hays.....	7	15	12	17	22	16	85	...	...	...	174	88	71	60	...
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River, R. 1.....	5	...	15	17	23	17	...	...	...	...	100	65	...	...	...
Oak Grove.....	Not Represented at Association.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oak Ridge.....	...	6	12	8	10	10	15	47	...	...	7	115	80	...	...	...
Piney Grove.....	Mrs. W. C. Brewer, Traphill, R. 1.....	5	4	...	5	6	10	28	...	...	...	58	41	45	41	...
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. W. Carter, State Road.....	9	16	10	24	17	23	69	24	...	6	207	98	65	55	1
Pleasant View.....	Harrol Snow, Thurmond.....	21	16	16	29	87	...	...	...	...	9	178	145	99	...	...
Roaring Gap.....	Jim Reece, Thurmond.....	2	16	18	18	17	44	...	...	...	7	104	68	59	46	...
Rock Springs.....	Van Wyatt, McGrady.....	7	7	8	15	15	...	20	...	...	...	65	50	...	...	...
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill.....	10	10	8	15	20	17	...	...	...	4	84	50	55	50	...
Traphill.....	Bert C. Brown, Traphill.....	5	6	12	4	4	14	...	...	...	6	51	30	107	85	...
Union.....	Odell Whittington, Wilbar.....	22	20	...	...	...	...	25	48	...	5	120	115	56	50	...
Walnut Grove.....	G. E. Blevins, Hays.....	3	6	12	10	15	28	...	...	...	6	80	46	...	...	...

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES							Gen. Ofc. Enl	Grand Total Enl	Av. Attendance
		Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults			
Baptist Home.....	Mrs. Gwyn A. Caudill, North Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	15	16	34	25	21	24	6	157	75
Fairplains.....	Mrs. Carol Elledge, North Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	6		18	15	4	13	6	62	40
Pleasant Ridge.....	Burr Hutchinson, Elkin, R. 2.....	17		18	14	15	22	6	80	58
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. C. M. Royal, Thurmond.....			14		13	20	3	50	34
Union.....	Miss Mozelle Shepherd, Wilbar.....	11				17	18	3	49	45

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Baptist Home Church, Mrs. Grace Cleary, R. 1, North Wilkesboro, President of W. M. S., — W.M.S. Units—1, W.M.S. Enrolled—23, Total Enrolled—23, Total Tithers All Organizations—9.

Pleasant Ridge Church, Mrs. Burr Hutchinson, R. 2, Elkin, President of W. M. S. W.M.S. Units—1, W.M.S. Enrolled—24, Total Enrolled—24.

Traphill Church, Mrs. Hattie Brown, Traphill, President of W. M. S., W.M.S. Units—1, W.M.S. Enrolled—14, Total Enrolled—14.

Roaring Gap Church, Mrs. Joe DeJournette, Thurmond, President of W. M. S. W.M.S. Units—1, W.M.S. Enrolled—46, Total Enrolled—46.

TABLE E—BROTHERHOOD WORK-BUILDING-GOALS-CHURCH LIBRARY-CHURCH MUSIC-VISUAL EDUCATION

CHURCHES	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year	Does your church have a library?	Number choirs	Total choir enrolment	Music Budget	Use Church Musician Magazine	Church Had Music Training Course	Film-Strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Baptist Home.....	\$50,000	\$2,500			no	1			no	no	no	no
Benham.....					no				no	no	no	no
Bethel.....	10,000				no				no	no	no	no
Dehart.....					yes				no	yes	no	no
Fairplains.....					yes	2	50	30	no	yes	no	no
Haymeadow.....					no				no	no	no	no
Knobbs.....	8,000				no				no	no	no	no
Mt. Zion.....	3,000				no	1	25		no	no	no	no
Mountain Valley.....					no				no	no	no	no
Mountain View.....	1,500				no				no	no	no	no
New Light.....					no				no	yes	no	no
Oak Ridge.....	6,000				no	1	35		no	no	no	no
Pleasant Ridge.....	30,000	2,253			no	1	24		no	no	no	no
Pleasant View.....	14,000				no				no	no	no	no
Roaring Gap.....	10,000				no	1	40		no	no	no	no
Rock Springs.....	3,500	125			no				no	no	no	no
Stony Ridge.....	6,000	1,700			no	1	20		no	no	no	no
Traphill.....	17,500				no				no	no	no	no
Union.....	16,000	6,300	35	50	no	1	20		no	no	no	no
Walnut Grove.....	3,000				no	1	20		no	no	no	no

Maple Grove Church, Ray Deitz, R. 1, North Wilkesboro, President of Men's Brotherhood, Men's Brotherhood Enrolment—10, No. Meetings Held—2, Total Brotherhood Enrolment—10, No. Meetings Held—2, Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home \$50,000.

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total
Baptist Home.....	G. A. Caudill, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	\$ 7255	\$ 300	\$238	\$.....	\$541	\$.....	\$ 25	\$3440	\$569	\$ 5214	\$1600	\$6874
Benham.....	Luther Barker, R. 1, Roaring River.....	1289	100	144	70	103	.....	20	.....	42	480	276	756
Bethel.....	Otto Rhodes, Hays.....	.....	215	60	.....	.....	.....	55	229	.....	.....	215	.....
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Wilbar.....	.....	.....	16	.....	61	.....	40	.....	55	176	.....	149
Dehart.....	Dennis Walker, McGrady.....	.....	52	.....	.....	11	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	80	.....
Fairplains.....	Thera Warren, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....	10925	360	50	.....	398	517	395	2000	421	4140	1203	5343
Flint Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	34	86	86	80	138	344	248	592
Haymeadow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	60	70	.....	.....	376	287	663
Knobbs.....	M. G. Key, Elkin.....	1100	.....	.....	1146	31	.....	21	.....	.....	1197	105	1302
Maple Grove.....	Glenn Dancy, Jr. Hays.....	5168	11	194	846	81	252	115	.....	77	1566	2934	4500
Mount Pisgah.....	Bruce Billings, R. 1, Traphill.....	.....	11	51	3	53	5	80	.....	130	334	276	610
Mount Zion.....	Mrs. Cyrus Shumate, North Wilkesboro.....	.....	.....	26	.....	26	.....	75	.....	.....	127	175	302
Mountain Valley.....	Sylvia Kilby, Millers Creek.....	.....	135	.....	.....	63	129	.....	.....	.....	325	325	325
Mountain View.....	Slatier Prevette, Hays.....	5092	85	497	2695	138	36	.....	.....	293	3743	1100	4843
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....	1170	.....	20	802	15	.....	.....	.....	25	862	286	1148
Oak Grove.....	Not Represented at Association.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove.....	Revis Whitley, Hays.....	616	.....	20	250	37	38	35	.....	109	489	151	640
Pleasant Ridge.....	W. F. Bowers, Hays.....	4796	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	195
Pleasant View.....	T. L. Davis, State Road.....	4381	120	249	60	273	117	250	2700	27	840	1682	4516
Roaring Gap.....	G. A. Gambill, State Road.....	2378	84	149	1752	154	214	111	.....	.....	2487	1682	4169
Rock Springs.....	Mrs. W. R. DeJournette, Traphill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	115	48	.....	7	453	547	1043
Stony Ridge.....	Mrs. Fletch Lovette, McGrady.....	2457	.....	21	500	.....	.....	.....	375	50	946	100	1046
Traphill.....	Sankie Wiles, Traphill.....	488	.....	45	2013	36	33	75	.....	.....	2192	177	2375
Union.....	Mrs. D. C. Castevens, Traphill.....	4555	.....	.....	.....	30	19	111	.....	217	377	265	642
Walnut Grove.....	Frank Huffman, Wilbar.....	867	.....	7	14000	50	.....	.....	7700	.....	9242	338	9580
	Bob Johnson, Elkin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	.....	54	86	148	370	250	620

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES										Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuitiy, Other Obj.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total	All Purposes
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....										42	50					58	95	53	231	7104	
Benham.....	Clifford Jordon, Elkin.....										11	70		10	9	20	20	15		155	911	
Bethel.....	Otto Rhodes, Hays.....																15	30		499	544	
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Wilbar.....																					
Dehart.....	L. O. Handy, McGrady.....																					
Elk Spur.....	Martha Smith, Glade Valley.....																	16		16		
Fairplains.....	Lonnie Haynes, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....										26	100	45		45		207	115	57	595	5939	
Flint Hill.....	Glenn Burchette, R. 2, North Wilkesboro.....																					
Haymeadow.....	R. M. Elledge, Hays.....													31			13	25		70	733	
Knobbs.....	C. S. Lyon, Traphill.....											16					20	18		54	54	
Maple Grove.....	A. C. Yale, Jr. Hays.....										50	135	35			165	110	145	103	734	5234	
Mount Pisgah.....	Lonnie G. Billings, Traphill.....										10	23					15	15	52	114	724	
Mount Zion.....	Mrs. C. H. Shumate, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....																10	5		15	15	
Mountain Valley.....	Johnny Higgins, R. 1, North Wilkesboro.....										159	30					45			234	577	
Mountain View.....	Wilma Woodruff, Hays.....													7							21	
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....											15						10		32	1180	
Oak Grove.....	Sarah E. Owens, Wilbar.....																					
Oak Ridge.....	Bruce Johnson, Hays.....											12					12			25	665	
Piney Grove.....	H. J. Spicer, Hays.....										10	20						10		40	135	
Pleasant Ridge.....	H. Alex Carter, State Road.....										17	100	33	179	75	4	84	40	33	565	5081	
Pleasant View.....	Lonnie Crabbs, State Road.....										11		32	102			95	64		304	4473	
Roaring Gap.....	Raymond DeJournette, Traphill.....										10	72	15				27	26	21	172	1158	
Rock Springs.....	Mrs. Fletcher Lovette, McGrady.....																	10		10	1059	
Stony Ridge.....	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill.....											22	13			17		606	15	98	335	
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill.....										5	24	2	2	12			14	16	4	80	723
Union.....	Mrs. Louise Bumgarner, Wilbar.....										35	50					50	* 25		160	9900	
Walnut Grove.....	Bob Johnson, Hays.....																28	10		38	658	

MINUTES
OF THE
Stone Mountain
Baptist
Association
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
1955

HELD WITH
Stony Ridge Church
SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1955

AND WITH
Union Church
SEPTEMBER 24th, 1955

The next annual session will be held with Bethel Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Hays, N. C., on Friday, September 28, and with Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Hays, N. C., on Saturday, September 29, 1956.

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STONY RIDGE CHURCH

Stony Ridge Church had its beginning in the Sunday School organized in the school house in 1905 by the Rev. and Mrs. Grant Cothren and the Rev. and Mrs. O. F. Richardson. The little Sunday School grew and flourished until its influence for good in the community was recognized and appreciated by all the good people of the locality and, from this beginning, Stony Ridge Church was organized. The good work seemed to be especially blessed and the church grew in numbers and influence until a church building was erected in 1925. The church continued to grow and prosper until larger and more modern quarters were required. To this end the church building was remodeled and enlarged thereby enabling it to carry on its work more effectively.

Now, as of September, 1955, Stony Ridge Church has a membership of 113; a Sunday School enrollment of 80 and a Training Union numbering 43. The Rev. L. E. Sparks is pastor, G. B. Crabb Clerk and Sunday School Superintendent and David Pruitt Training Union Director.

HISTORY OF UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The history of Union Missionary Baptist Church, located near Wilbar post-office, is inseparably linked with that of other smaller Baptist Churches organized in the vicinity as far back as 1880. The first one of these churches of which we have any record was Gwyn's Chapel organized about 1880 near the present site of Wilbar post-office and there seems to be no record as to when it was dissolved. Later, several members of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church withdrew their membership from that church for the purpose of organizing another Baptist church. On September 26, 1881, the church at Gwyn's Chapel assisted them in organizing the South Fork Baptist Church. This church prospered and became a very influential little church later joining with, and becoming a part of, Union Church. Another Baptist Church that eventually consolidated with the Union Church was the North Fork Church. This church was organized in the Whittington School House on December 11, 1908, a group of members from the Pleasant Home Baptist being present to assist in its organization. It had as its charter members Rev. L. B. Murray, J. W. Dancy, C. H. Colvard and John Walker. At a conference meeting held on May 26, 1911, a committee was appointed and instructed to locate a site and acquire title to land upon which to erect a church building for the Union Missionary Baptist Church, and to invite both the South Fork and North Fork churches to join in the movement. On June 17, 1911, at a conference meeting held with South Fork Baptist Church it consolidated with Union Church and at the same time a delegation representing North Fork Baptist Church accepted the invitation to become a part of Union Baptist Church, and on July 19, 1911, work on the construction of a church building got under way on a site donated by the late C. H. Colvard, and on the third Saturday in August, 1912, services were held in the new church for the first time. Rev. L. B. Murray was elected pastor and Rev. David Roten preached the first sermon in the new church. At a meeting held on December 18, 1912, organization of the The Union Missionary Baptist Church was effected by the consolidation of North Fork and South Fork Baptist Churches with the Union Church. Since that time the work of the church has been wonderfully blessed, constantly growing in numbers and influence until it become necessary to have larger and more commodious quarters in which to carry on the increased activities of the church. With this end in view the construction of a new church was commenced in 1954 and a beautiful brick veneer building was recently completed at a cost

of more than \$20,000. As of September, 1955, we had a membership of 193; a Sunday School enrollment of 100; with an average attendance of 95; a Vacation Bible School enrollment of 50 and a training Union of 37. The entire community is justly proud of its church which is one of the most beautiful and influential churches in this section of the county. Rev. A. A. Staley is pastor and Zollie Bumgarner Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Edsil Hamby Training Union Director.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	M. L. Blevins, Hays
Vice-Moderator	Carroll Dancy, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro
Clerk	Odell Whittington, Wilbar
Treasurer	Bill Pruitt, Hays

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

C. C. Blevins
R. M. Elledge
Gwyn Gambill
Dennis Walker
Harold Snow

SUB COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Bruce Dearman
Otto Rhodes
Gwyn Gambill
Clifton Prevette
C. A. Absher, Jr.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Carroll Dancy
I. E. Sebastian
E. H. Blevins

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Connie Royal
G. B. Crabbe
Frank Huffman

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Roy W. Franklin
Troy Pruitt
Woodrow Wishon
Ralph Collins
Jasper Chipman

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT PASTORS

Adams James, Elkin
 Absher Muncie, North Wilkesboro
 Barker Harrison, Roaring River
 Byrd Willis, North Wilkesboro
 Byrd Albert, Hays
 Burchette Gleen, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
 Blevins James, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
 Blevins S. L., Hays
 Burcham John, Roaring River
 Cockerham David, Rt. 2, Elkin
 Childress S. T., North Wilkesboro
 Cooper W. F., Traphill
 Curry G. W., Thurmond
 Douglas E. E., McGrady
 Flannery James M., Wilbar
 Felts Major, Hays
 Griffin Otis, Parsonsville
 Hanks Uriah, Rt. 1, Hays
 Hayes J. E., Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
 Hinchler Grant, Hays
 Holbrook Euna, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
 Kilby John, Millers Creek
 Lyon Amos, Rt. 2, Elkin
 Miller D. C., North Wilkesboro
 Miller Ernest, North Wilkesboro
 Pruitt Robert, Rt. 2, Elkin
 Pruitt G. E., Roaring River
 Pruitt Gar, Elkin
 Reeves Garland, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
 Ratliff Thurmond, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
 Simmons Arlie, Thurmond
 Wagoner Allen, McGrady
 Wyatt Banner, High Point
 Wyatt Odell, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
 Wiles E. R., Thurmond
 Yale J. W., Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro

CHURCH CLERKS

BAPTIST HOME—John McGrady Rt. 1, N. Wilkesboro
 BENHAM—Clifford Jordan Rt. 2, Elkin
 BETHEL—Otto Rhodes Hays
 CHESTNUT GROVE—Connie Haynes Rt. 1, Wilbar
 DEHART—Dennis Walker Hays
 ELK SPUR—Martha Smith Glade Valley
 FAIRPLAINS—Lonnie Haynes Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro
 FLINT HILL—Glenn Burchette Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro
 HAYMEADOW—R. M. Elledge Hays
 KNOBBS—C. S. Lyon Traphill
 MAPLE GROVE—A. C. Yale, Jr. Hays
 MT. PISGAH—L. G. Billings Rt. 1, Traphill
 MT. ZION—Mrs. C. H. Shumate North Wilkesboro
 MOUNTAIN VALLEY—Johnny Higgins Wilbar
 MOUNTAIN VIEW—Eldon Woodruff Hays
 NEW LIGHT—Clifton Prevette Rt. 1, Roaring River
 OAK GROVE—Cavil Owens Wilbar
 OAK RIDGE—Bruce Johnson Rt. 2., North Wilkesboro
 PINEY GROVE—H. J. Spicer Hays

PLEASANT RIDGE—H. A. Carter	State Road
PLEASANT VIEW—Mrs. Earl Royall	Box 707, Elkin
ROARING GAP—W. R. DeJournette	Traphill
ROCK SPRINGS—Mrs. Fletch Lovette	McGrady
STONY RIDGE—G. B. Crabbe	Traphill
TRAPHILL—Mrs. Roy Billings	Traphill
UNION—Burl Bumgarner	Wilbar
WALNUT GROVE—Bob Johnson	Hays

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BAPTIST HOME—John McGrady, D. F. Elledge, J. G. Kilby
BENHAM—Marcus Tucker, J. A. West, Luther Barker
BETHEL—Otto Rhodes, Homer Elledge, Ernest Miller
CHESTNUT GROVE—McKinley Absher, Wilson Brown, Claude Absher
DEHART—O. C. Rhodes, R. P. Miles, W. R. Handy
ELKSPUR—Quincy Royall, H. J. Royal, E. V. Hicks
FAIRPLAINS—Grady Miller, Richard Pardue, Mrs. Wiley Brooks
FLINT HILL—Euna Holbrook, Gordon Johnston, Mrs. Walter Stone
HAYMEADOW—R. M. Elledge, I. E. Sebastian, A. R. Myers
KNOBBS—C. S. Lyon, Link Spicer, Brady Cheek
MAPLE GROVE—Paul Blevins, Opal Elledge, Ivory Pruitt
MT. PISGAH—John A. Absher, Dale Gambill, Buel Sparks
MT. ZION—R. C. Dancy, J. H. Faw, Mrs. Cyrus Shumate
MOUNTAIN VALLEY—J. C. Kilby, Gwyn Hayes, John Adams
MOUNTAIN VIEW—Paul W. Gregory, Troy Perry, Mrs. Judson Yale
NEW LIGHT—Clifton Prevette, Dice Jolly, Ford Shepherd, R. C. Durham
OAK GROVE—T. L. Sparks, Cavil Owens, Mack Griffin
OAK RIDGE—Bruce Johnson, Harrison Felts, Boyd Higgins
PINEY GROVE—H. J. Spicer, J. W. Huie, Claude Bowers
PLEASANT RIDGE—Ples Haynes, Ralph Collins, B. W. Carter
PLEASANT VIEW—Harold Snow, Ether Cockerham, E. D. Burchette
ROARING GAP—Mrs. Warren Davis, Mrs. Lester Royall, Mrs. Howard Harris
ROCK SPRINGS—Delbert Myers, J. E. Key, Muncie Absher
STONY RIDGE—G. B. Crabbs, Sanky Wiles, C. W. Billings
TRAPHILL—Mrs. Hattie Brown, Mrs. Betty Rhymer, Bert C. Brown
UNION—Frank Huffman, Hamp Taylor, Jesse South
WALNUT GROVE—Elbert Blevins, C. D. Blevins, Coy Higgins

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates chosen by the churches and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church letters certifying their appointments, communicating information relative to the state of the church and may make an oral report of the interests and progress thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator a Clerk and Treasurer. The last two offices may be held by the same brother. These elections may be held in such a way as the Association may direct.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings, of business; to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order and to perform other duties pertaining to the office. In the absence of the Moderator the Vice-Moderator shall perform these duties.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds received and all monies paid out and shall make a report of same every three months to the clerk of each church.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all plans for each annual meeting of the Association; to consider all letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding associations or our State Baptist Board requiring any attention thereon, and to report same back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall be considered as an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be in the province of the Association to correspond with nearby, sister associations of our faith and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and for the purpose there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, including the Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to direct such work; to approve receipts and disbursements of funds and any other duty the Association may direct.

14th. At each annual session there may be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers Relief, Home for the Aging, Pastorial and Church Relations, Special Changes, Time, Place and Preacher for the next session and any other reports the Association deems necessary.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place or places as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish churches with minutes of her proceedings and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that this may be compiled in the minutes. Each church shall also urge their Pastor to attend each annual session of the Association and make provisions to enable him to do so.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members concurring; the churches having been previously notified.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1st. We believe in only one true and living God; father, son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5th. We believe that sinners are called, converted and regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode is by immersion.

7th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8th. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the
Fifty-ninth Annual Session
of the

STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with

STONY RIDGE AND UNION CHURCHES

September 23 and 24, 1955

First Day, Stony Ridge, Morning Session

STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The morning session was called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning, with the Vice Moderator, Bro. Carroll Dancy, presiding. Bro. John McGrady led the singing of the "Battle Hymn", Devotional by Bro. James Hayes.

Upon a roll call of the churches 26 were represented and one absent. Twenty-seven Associational Letters were received.

The Moderator made note of the ministers present and found there were nine in attendance.

The following visitors were recognized: Charlie Miles of The Primitive Baptist Association, Leroy Thomas of the Brushy Mountain Association, James Hayes from The Home for the Aging, Winston-Salem, and C. W. Bazemore of the Biblical Recorder, Raleigh.

The following ministers of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association were present: Bill Pruitt, L. E. Sparks, Amos Lyon, A. A. Staley, John Burcham, S. L. Blevins, Major Caudill, Harvey White and Roy Franklin.

The Associational Clerk, Bro. Odell Whittington, submitted an oral report to the Association and on motion the report was adopted.

It was with deep regret the Association learned that our Moderator, Bro. M. L. Blevins, could not be present to-day due to serious illness in the family.

We The Nominating Committee recomend the following

For Executive Committee

C. C. Blevins, R. M. Elledge, Gwyn Gambill, Dennis Walker, Harrold Snow.

For Committee of Arrangements

Bruce Dearman, Otto Rhodes, Gwyn Caudill, Clifton Prevette, C. A. Absher, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Carroll Dancy, E. H. Blevins, I. E. Sebastian
—Committee

The foregoing report of the Nominating Committee was submitted to the Association and on motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—1954-55

Beginning Associational Year Due Mrs. V. W. L.	\$101.00
Beginning Associational Year Due Carter-Hubbard Co.	\$ 18.50
	\$119.50

Received from the Baptist State Convention funds enough to meet one-half our field worker's current salary; to pay Miss Lucy Luffman \$140.27 for Vacation Bible School work and to pay Miss Baxter \$405.00 for B. T. U. work.

Received from minute funds from churches; special offering last Associational Meeting; special offering by the Executive Committee, Committee on arrangements and from 18 of the 27 churches in the Association funds enough to pay off last year's debts, \$187.50 for last year's Minutes of the Association and to pay our part of the Field Worker's salary through August. We now have a deficit of \$98.58.

Jasper Chipman
Associational Treasurer.

ORGANIZATION ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Bro. M. L. Blevins, Moderator
Bro. Carroll Dancy, Vice-Moderator
Bro. Odell Whittington, Clerk
Bro. Bill Pruitt, Treasurer

Sermon by Bro. Hillery Blevins. Subject: "Serving a Living Savior."

Benediction by Bro. R. M. Hauss.

12:00 o'clock Noon. Adjourn for lunch. To re-assemble at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

1:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

Re-assembled for the transaction of business. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. M. L. Blevins.

Song by the Congregation: "Where we will Never Grow Old."

Prayer by Bro. Charlie Miles.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on temperance, submit the following report.

Temperance is moderation.

Intemperance is overindulgence.

To be temperate is to stop at the right place.

In the necessary things of life we should use moderation. Things that are harmful should be omitted. Some things we can do, such as eat things necessary for our body, work, play, sleep, talk, and many others are necessary in moderation.

Things forbidden must be totally abstained from. Murder, stealing, taking God's name in vain, these things are forbidden in God's law. Anything that is injurious to our body is forbidden by natural and divine law.

We cannot discuss temperance far until we are face to face with the liquor problem. According to statistics strong drink is the most indulged in of all evils. Alcohol injures the human body in many ways. Every organ is affected, especially the most vital ones. It not only effects the ones who drink but all who comes into contact with them, their families, friends, neighbors, the community and state.

The brewing industries are spending \$150,000,000 annually to advertise their products. The shrewdest minds are employed by the liquor interests. A recent issue of a popular magazine contained 87 "to drink is smart", allusions in one issue. In one magazine liquor adds for one week netted \$144,115.00. One brewing company advertised their product with a picture of Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge. Another is a giant billboard with a picture of Washington and Lincoln, between them a large bottle of beer, with the headline, "three great leaders". One advertisement pictures Christ knocking at the door, saying, "the house of good spirits". There seems to be no limit to what they will do to try to induce all age groups to drink. At present they are concentrating on the young people.

The church has taken a licking by the liquor industry. If we ever hope to succeed in halting this evil we must begin at the polls.

Don't vote wet. Know your man.

Do not patronize business that is connected with it.

Do not uphold it in your community.

Do not allow it in your home.

We must support the organizations that are fighting against it: help support our state prohibition law. We must educate people against it, especially the younger generation: and help the Allied Church League as much as is in our power to do.

65,000,000 Americans spend \$10,000,000 annually for strong drink. For every dollar our government gets from tax on liquor, ten dollars are spent to combat the evil of it. Five times as much is spent for it as for all religious purposes, and twice as much as for all education and welfare work. And we call this "Christian America". "BE sure

your sins will find you out". And again, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin", and, "Woe to him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips".

Let us talk, preach, teach, and vote against it, and may God give us courage and victory.

C. M. Royall
Woodrow Wishon
G. B. Crabbe

On motion the above report on Temperance was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School is an institution second only to the church as an instrument for evangelizing the world. It yields a mighty influence upon the minds, hearts and souls of our children and young people, giving them that early training so necessary for their spiritual development later on in life.

To-day a global struggle is being waged for the minds, hearts and souls of millions of young people, a deadly struggle between the forces of evil and the forces of good. The enemy, by every trick of propaganda, subversion and deceit, is bent on annihilating forever in the rising generation and in generations to come the very concept of man's relationship with his divine source. Now more than ever before Christendom is in danger, confronted by forces more barbaric than those of the pagan emperors—forces which seek to destroy belief in God, to bury the truth, wrung out of sacrifice and enlightenment, in the darkness of the ages. How under heaven can we meet this challenge unless we stand firm sustained by our own faith? The most pitiful of all are those believing in their hearts and drawn to the path of faith nevertheless through weakness or worldliness fail to follow it. To follow the divine teachings of the Master should be the supreme goal of our existence. How better could we fulfill the destiny for which we were created than by working and striving through our Sunday Schools to train and enlighten our children in the ways of our Lord.

We now have approximately 3,500 enrolled in Sunday Schools in 26 churches compared to a church membership of 4,200. We should strive constantly to add new members to our Sunday Schools and if every one of us will put in practice the fundamental precepts of the great moral laws, unite our voices in common prayer, mobilize our spiritual resources and loose a fervent new crusade by word and deed we can fill our Sunday Schools to overflowing, add to our church membership and win the approbation "Well done good and faithful servants."

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey White.

On motion report adopted.

This report was also ably discussed by Bro. Landreth Blevins.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Time and space are too limited for us to begin to tell the remarkable things that do happen at our N. C. Baptist Hospital. With the new wing, and much remodeling being done in the old building, we soon will have one of the best hospitals in the south, our doctors and nurses the best to be found anywhere.

Soon we will have a beautiful Chapel that we are very thankful for but most of all is the spirit of Christian interest and kindness that is so easily seen in each department. The out-patient department has proved a blessing to thousands that's not able to pay for medical care.

There we see the old and the young so helpless. Here is where we all can prove our love for suffering humanity on Mothers Day. We think of Christ as He walked with the children of men, how He ministered to the sick and crippled almost two-thirds of His ministry. Each of us N. C. Baptist should feel that we are part of that hand of Christ and on Mothers Day give liberally to help carry on this great mission. Let's pray more, give more next Mothers Day. As we give so will we be blessed, for in as much as ye did unto the least of these little ones, ye did it unto me. Let's love the Lord enough to carry on His work in a greater way than we ever have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Hicks

Clyde T. Miller

Mrs. J. W. Yale

The foregoing report on the Baptist Hospital was submitted by the Committee and upon motion was adopted by the Association.

Our Hospital Representative, Mrs. J. W. Yale, gave us many interesting facts about the hospital and spoke feelingly of the sick and afflicted whom it serves and reminded us of our duty to support the hospital liberally.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The best institution is a poor substitute for a good, Christian home. At our Baptist Children's Homes they do their best to make conditions as nearly like a normal home as possible and probably there has never been a year in the history of the Orphanage when the children's needs were more adequately met. During the year, 713 children were cared for in the Orphanage Homes and help in placement and otherwise was given to 600 others.

The Orphanage paper "Charity and Children" goes into more than 47 thousand homes each week. The subscription price is 60 cents a year in clubs of 10 or more.

One of the most beautiful new Church buildings in the state is almost completed at Kennedy Home and the Broyhill Swimming Pool, a gift from the Broyhills of Lenoir, has been built during the year at Mills Home.

The Baptist State Convention voted for the Orphanage to come into the Cooperative Program beginning January 1, 1955. From the Cooperative Program it is to receive "That part of its support not otherwise provided for." Under this plan most churches continue to send to the Orphanage the Once-a-Month offering just as in the past. Some, however, have put the Orphanage in their Cooperative Program budget.

Under the new plan of support the Thanksgiving offering becomes more important than ever before. Any future growth and expansion of this Child Care program will depend largely on this offering.

In the year ending in September 1954, 17 Churches of the Stone Mountain Association gave \$823 to our Baptist Orphanage. In the year ending September, 1955, 16 Churches have reported \$625.16 given to this cause. But more important than these figures is the question, "How much will the Churches of the Stone Mountain Association give toward the support of your Orphanage during the coming year?"

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Snow,

Commie Lyon

Albert Pruitt

Committee.

Upon motion the above report on The Baptist Orphanage was adopted.

A very interesting, inspirational and instructive talk on "Why Wilkes and Surry Counties will not vote out beer and wine" was made by Bro. R. M. Houss.

A very timely address on "Training boys and girls in the way you would have them go" was delivered by Bro. Harvey White.

Bro. Amos Lyon gave the Association a very helpful and interesting talk on "The right kind of teaching."

Dr. McGee, of the Baptist hospital, gave us an interesting account of the wonderful work being done at the hospital in ministering to the sick and afflicted. In the course of his remarks Dr. McGee stated that more people would be treated at The Baptist Hospital this year than comprised the entire population of Wilkes County.

Bro. W. C. Reed spoke feelingly of the Baptist Orphanage and the great work it is doing. Bro. Reed said that we should take Jesus as our model and endeavor to follow the example he set for us. He invited all to visit the orphanage, saying: "The Baptist Orphanage is yours, Come see what you have."

Bro. Pipes made a very interesting and instructive talk on the Co-operative Program.

Bro. Jasper Chipman spoke of the importance of supporting the work of our Mission Worker and of doing all in our power to aid and encourage her in her work.

Bro. R. M. Houss, of the Allied Church League, spoke at length on the importance of sending men to our State Legislature who have the moral courage to stand up and be counted on a vote outlawing liquor, beer and wine in North Carolina.

The association adjourned to meet with Union Baptist Church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Benediction by Bro. John Burcham.

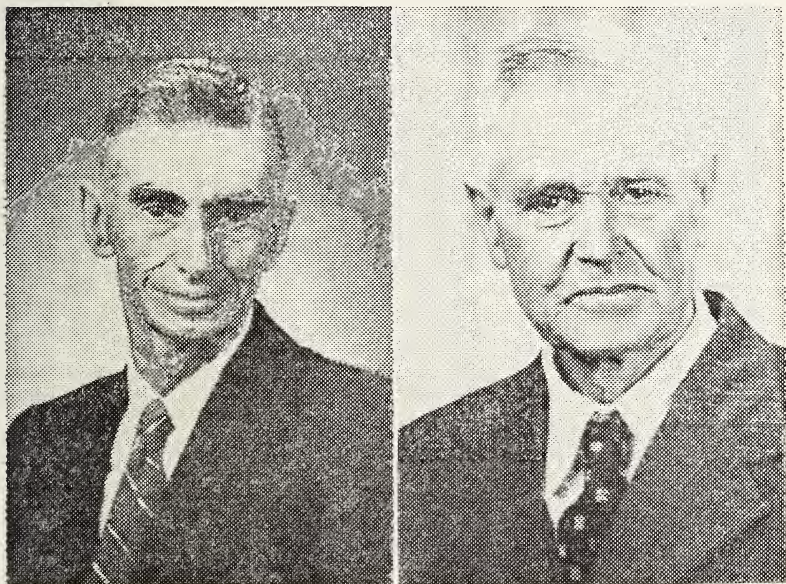
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SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1955

The Association met with the Union Baptist Church this morning and the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. M. L. Blevins, who presided over the meeting. Bro. Landreth Blevins led the singing of the hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and Bro. Harvey White led the opening prayer and devotional, reading 11th Chapter of Solomon.

The following visitors were recognized: Bro. Myers and Mrs. Myers, of Alleghany, Bro. Dean Dillard, Pastor of Haymeadow Church, Bro. Glenn Huffman of the Brushy Mountain Association, Bro. Lawson Allen of Webb College, and Bro. Hemrick of Wake Forest College.

Upon motion the clerk of the Association was instructed to have photographs of Bro. M. S. Walker, of Hays, aged 82 years, and Bro. N. P. Myers, aged 79 years, of Hays. Each one of these old brothers was present when the Association was organized 1896 and have been faithful attendants at our associational meetings since that time. The Association feels a just pride in these two Godly men who have set a wonderful example for the younger members to follow. Bro. Walker and Bro. Myers, may God's richest blessings rest upon you now and always.



REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

During 1954 the American Bible Society distributed throughout the world more than 15 million volumes of Scriptures. Donated 1,360,604 Scripture volumes for the Armed Forces, providing a vital link between the home churches and the members of the Armed Forces.

Continued to supply Scriptures in many strategic areas, such as Germany and other countries along the "fringes" of the Iron Curtain, Africa, Latin America, Japan, Korea and India—and to millions of Chinese in the countries of East Asia and Southeast Asia, outside the communist-controlled China mainland.

Received gifts which provided for the largest budget in its history and adopted for 1955 an even larger program to serve more of the millions who still wait for the Word of God—keenly conscious that missionary advance, through increased Scripture distribution, waits only for needed funds!

Lonnie Billings
Roy Franklin
H. J. Spicer

Committee.

The foregoing report on The American Bible Society was submitted by the committee. In commenting on this report Bro. C. C. Blevins made some very interesting observations and stressed the importance of sending bibles to all parts of the world. Upon motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME FOR THE AGING

North Carolina Baptist have two homes for the aging, Resthaven, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and the Albemarle Home, Albemarle, North Carolina. Resthaven now has twenty residents and Albemarle has thirty-five. All residents have private rooms except for a few married couples.

Any person over sixty five years of age, of good character, and with favorable recommendations by pastor and church may become a resident of either home. There are certain financial requirements for admission to the home. (1) The property or asset plan. The applicant enters into an agreement with the admission committee to receive him or her into the home on life basis when property or assets are given to the Homes for the care of the prospective resident. In the second plan the resident pays the cost by the month. The third plan is for the person who does not have anything with which to pay the cost of care. The plan works as follows: The applicant may get Old Age Assistance up to \$55.00 monthly. The remainder is paid by relatives, friends, and from funds given to the home from Nine Year Program and Special Day offering.

Invalids are not admitted to the Homes. When a resident's health breaks down, the Homes will cooperate with relatives or friends in helping them to get necessary hospital attention. Those who are admitted under the third plan are usually accepted in the Baptist Hospital as service patients, and their expenses are partially taken care of through the Mother's Day offering.

The religious life of the residents is served by several ways. First, a daily devotional service is conducted by some member of the staff, the pastor or group from a church organization. Those who are able attend local churches.

The recreational facilities are provided in the following way: There are comfortably furnished sun parlors for social chats, games, handwork, television and piano playing. Porches are pleasant for out of door relaxation. There are talking books for those no longer able to read.

Our homes are supported by:

1. Our share in Nine Year Program.
2. Special Day offering taken on the third Sunday in February.
3. What the residents pay for their care.
4. Memorial gifts.
5. Personal and corporation gifts.
6. Those interested may make provision in their wills.

The home has plans for expansion. A track of thirty-five acres of land near Winston-Salem for the Central Home. Construction of administration building on this site will provide office, dining room, kitchen, chapel, recreational facilities and space for 40 additional residents. The building will probably be completed in 1956.

What finer way is there to express our love for Christ than to remember the lonely and aged in providing a Christian haven of rest for them in their twilight days?

Mrs. Bob Calloway
Ralph Collins
D. C. Miller

This very interesting and illuminating report was submitted by the committee and Mrs. Bob Calloway and Mrs. Sallie V. Vannoy gave the Association an excellent report of conditions in the home and the wonderful work carried on there based on their recent visit to the home. On motion report adopted.

Bro. Mack Pruitt gave us a very concise and interesting oral report on Missions and The Baptist Program. The report covered the matter fully and was delivered in a very interesting manner by Bro. Pruitt. The report was accepted by the Association.

Mrs. Winfrey Luffman discussed the Baptist Program at some length. Her remarks were very informative and well received by the Association.

Bro. J. L. Powers made a very interesting talk on our duty toward the Baptist Program.

Sermon by Bro. A. A. Staley using as his subject "Our Church Anchored on Christ." Matthew 16.

Benediction by Bro. Glenn Huffman.

Lunch at the church.

The Association reassembled at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Prayer by Bro. J. T. Hendrix.

A motion was adopted by the Association requesting Mrs. Winfrey Luffman to include in her regular bulletins an account of the amount paid her by the churches and the balance due her from the Association.

Bro. M. L. Blevins spoke eloquently on the subject of Aged Ministers' relief and stressed the importance of our churches planning to make arrangements for taking care of our aged ministers.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The printed page has great power. Its message can go to many places where the spoken word and sermon cannot be heard. Christian literature is a mighty force for good in promoting the Lords work and in sowing the seeds of righteousness in the minds of people to day. The devil is using the power of the printed word as never before. There is a vast flood of bad literature that promotes paganism, worldliness, and downright evil thoughts and deeds. Some of these bad books, periodicals and magazines often get into Baptist homes. This should not be.

We live in a reading age. Therefore it is highly necessary that we give our boys and girls good wholesome reading matter. WE recommend to seek out and use fine Christian literature, such as the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, and other excellent varieties, accepting the Bible as the fountain-head of all good reading.

Arlie Myers

J. E. Key

Garland Reeves

The report on periodicals was submitted to The Association by the committee and upon motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

Down through the years we have been blessed with the work and prayers of our leaders. These old men of God have been the ones who have kept the "lights burning". These old preachers who clung to the faith and kept spreading the glad tidings of great joy to the world are entitled to every assistance we can possibly give them. They did not live in the days when The Minister's Retirement Fund was available, nor when The Social Security Act was in effect. Neither were they salaried pastors but by the help of the Holy Spirit they spent the

best years of their lives in carrying on the work of the Master. To-day our ministers do not fear want in their old age. They are protected by the ministers' retirement fund or Social Security. On the other hand our aged ministers do not enjoy this security and it devolves upon us to see that they are supplied with the comforts of life. We have greatly neglected this work; have given very little and now is the time to redeem ourselves and give liberally of our resources. Let us consider this A MUST for all of us and endeavor to do better in the future than we have ever done in the past. We, as pastors, must ask our congregations to contribute liberally to this cause. Our aged ministers need assistance and ours is the responsibility for supplying this need.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Blevins

R. C. Dancy

Carey Johnson

Committee.

The foregoing report on aged ministers' relief was submitted by the committee and on motion the report was adopted.

Commenting on this report Bro. R. C. Dancy said we had failed to adequately support the fund for aged ministers relief and urged the Association to redouble its efforts in the matter of this fund.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Fostering Christian Education should be one of the most important functions of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association. Christian Education is a co-operative effort among the various agencies of society—the home, the church, and our church schools—to give our youth an opportunity to become better Christian citizens. We recognize God as the true source of our life and knowledge of life, and we are constantly striving through our Christian Educational program to help our youth better understand the omnipotence of God, believing that in so doing, they will understand and take on human qualities that will be pleasing to our Master. Christian philosophy throughout the ages has reminded us that we must constantly put forth a determined effort to teach our youth to better understand and appreciate a Christian citizenship. Certainly this Christian citizenship has a most profound influence upon the course of events on a world-wide level.

Current literature teaches us that our Christian schools are doing a good job training our youth. As Southern Baptist, we are supporting six seminaries Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; the New Orleans Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana; Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas; Golden Gate Seminary at Berkley, California; and Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. The sixth seminary is the American Baptist Theological Seminary for negroes at Nashville, Tennessee. It is well to remember that our Seminaries are the only schools that receive financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention. On the state level, North Carolina Baptist has seven colleges—Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Gardner Webb, Campbell, Wingate, Chowan. The total enrollment for these schools in North Carolina exceeded 5,000 during the last school year. As Baptist of the Stone Mountain Association it would seem wise for us to support these institutions. As parents, pastors, and church leaders, it would seem imperative for us to provide counseling and guidance that will result in more of our children taking advantage of the training offered by these Baptist Institutions.

The church and the church school has a most vital role to play in molding the boys and girls into christian citizens. We cannot expect

our colleges and seminaries to be imminently successful in training our boys and girls unless we lay the ground work for a christian education in our churches and church schools. We can help this process by seeing that our children attend church and Sunday School regularly and by making available all training offered by churches and church schools.

Perhaps the most powerful factor contributing to a successful Christian Citizenship is the home. It is here that the very foundation of Christian qualities of character and personality are formed. It is the home training of dedicated fathers and mothers that indelibly imprints upon the minds of our youth that which is good and lasting. It is here that our youth begin to learn the difference between right and wrong, and this Christian influence is an invaluable aid in helping our youth to better understand the Christian way of life. The Roman Church feels that the training of youth in their early years is so important that they say, if a child is trained in Roman Catholicism for his first seven years that no matter what his subsequent training, he will not depart from it. Modern Psychologists today tell us that the personality of the child, as well as his general behavior pattern, is largely developed by the age of ten.

In conclusion, it seems fitting for us to take the advice of the writer of Proverbs who says that we should train a child in the way he should go and when he gets older he will not depart from it.

Therefore it behooves us in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association to think carefully and prayerfully about the education of our youth. It is imperative that we take necessary steps to support our homes, our schools, our church schools, our colleges and our seminaries in an effort to turn our more and better Christian citizens. It is also imperative that the various agencies involved in the education of our youth work together closely in an effort to strengthen this vital program.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul W. Gregory

Connie Haynes

Cavil Owens

The foregoing report on Christian Education was submitted by the Committee and approved by the Association. On motion the report was adopted.

Bros. Hemrick, of Wake Forest College, Gordon Webb, and Paul Gregory spoke at length on the great task of training our boys and girls and urged all churches to do their utmost to meet the challenge.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

258 visits to Churches

8097 miles traveled

878 letters and cards written

2921 bulletins published

2 Sunday School study courses taught (5 nights each)

3 Training Union study courses taught (5 nights each)

10 Mission study courses taught (1 night each)

15 Vacation Bible Schools in Association:

2 planned and conducted by individual churches

13 planned and conducted by Associational Missionary assisted by summer VBS worker, Miss Lucy Luffman. Prepared and mimeographed Worship programs and provided textbooks and supplies.

Attended 16 meetings outside of Association in line with work

Attended 19 Associational meetings

Prepared and mimeographed programs for 9 associational meetings
 Directed 1 Christmas pageant and mimeographed programs for same
 Served as secretary of Sunday School Convention
 Served as Associational Superintendent of Woman's Missionary Union
 Arranged for and presided at V. B. S. Clinic
 Installed 8-point record system in Training Union of 2 Churches
 Installed 6-point record system in Sunday School of 1 Church
 Arranged for Associational Training Union organization and presided
 at organizational mass meeting.
 Re-organized and graded 1 Sunday School
 Prepared and mimeographed Church bulletin for 1 Sunday service
 Arranged for approved Home Mission worker to speak in 2 Churches
 and provided her transportation.
 Arranged for Training Union Revival with 10 workers in 6 Churches
 3 new Training Unions organized
 2 by workers in Training Union Revival
 1 by your associational Missionary.
 Organized 2 new Woman's Missionary Societies
 Organized 4 W. M. U. sponsored young people's organizations
 2 G. A. groups organized by sponsoring W. M. S. organizations
 Assisted members of various churches in writing reports, filling out
 blanks, preparing and arranging programs, etc.
 My thanks to the officers of the Stone Mountain Association, the
 pastors, the Sunday School superintendents, Training Union directors,
 Woman's Missionary Society presidents, and all the people who have
 been so cooperative, helpful and interested in the work of the Association.

My gratitude to God for His lovingkindness and mercy, and for
 his blessings during the year and a prayer that His name may be
 glorified in every organization and activity of the Stone Mountain
 Association.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Winfrey Luffman,
 Associational Missionary

The foregoing report was submitted by Mrs. Luffman and on
 motion was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORS AND CHURCH RELATIONS

God has seen fit to always choose a leader for His people. When
 Christ set up His church he called man to be shepherd of His flock.
 In order to be a successful pastor, this shepherd must be a humble
 servant, leading his church in every phase of its work he must be
 the leader in every organization, remembering that the church never
 gets any greater spiritually than its pastor. He must feed the aged
 of the flock and at the same time harness the young converts into the
 service of the master in order that they, too, may grow in grace.

The church, in return must love, pray for, and support its pastor.
 The pastor can serve best only when the saints hold up his hand
 through prayerful cooperation in all spiritual progressive church projects.

Let us remember that he who would be a leader, must first be
 a servant.

Mrs. J. L. Gregory
 Bert Brown
 J. L. Powers

Upon motion the foregoing report on Pastors and Church Relations was adopted.

A special collection was taken to pay our Associational Missionary the balance due on her salary. The collection amounted to \$109.13.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

15 Vacation Bible Schools were held in the Association this summer. Churches having Bible Schools are listed below, together with enrollment and amount of mission offering and purpose for which it was given:

CHURCH	ENROLLMENT	MISSION OFF.	GIVEN TO
Baptist Home	117	\$14.93	Cooperative Program
Benham	81	13.28	Cooperative Program
Chestnut Grove	59	4.13	Baptist Hospital
Fairplains	92	16.78	Cooperative Program
Haymeadow	64	8.82	Cooperative Program
Knobbs	89	10.29	Cooperative Program
Maple Grove	103	24.31	Cooperative Program
Mountain View	87	15.12	Cooperative Program
Pleasant Ridge	65	13.67	Cooperative Program
Pleasant View	92	17.62	Cooperative Program
Roaring Gap	56	6.79	Cooperative Program
Rock Springs	86	12.78	Cooperative Program
Traphill	101	10.47	Cooperative Program
		10.47	Methodist Hospital
Union	47	5.02	Cooperative Program
Walnut Grove	50	10.00	Baptist Orphanage

What are you doing in your Church? If you have recently had a revival, done any building or re-modeling, elected any new officers, any change in your organizations, increase in enrollment or attendance, or any other items that would be of interest, send it in and it will be included in the bulletin. On motion report adopted.

BAPTIST PUBLICATIONS

The Sunday School Builder has much helpful material for Sunday School superintendents and other officers interested in building better Sunday Schools. The Teacher gives help and explanations in the study of the Sunday School lessons and is an invaluable aid to Sunday School teachers in the Adult and Young People's classes. There are other helps for the teachers of other age groups. The Training Union Magazine is especially needed by Training Union Directors and Bible Readers' Leaders and is helpful to all the Training Union officers. The above mentioned may be ordered along with your Sunday School and Training Union literature.

The Commission, which is the Foreign Mission magazine, the Home Mission Magazine telling of the Home Mission work, and Royal Service the W. M. U. quarterly, gives information of the Baptist work in all fields.

Charity and Children is the paper of the Baptist Orphanage, the Baptist Homes Bulletin gives the news of the Baptist Homes for the Aging, Tomorrow, the publication of the Allied Church League for the control of beverage alcohol.

The Biblical Recorder is our State Baptist newspaper and contains news of personalities, programs, plans, etc. from the various Churches, Associations and individuals. The price of the Recorder is \$2.50 a year (52 issues) for an individual subscription but if 5 people from one Church subscribe at the same time, they can secure the subscriptions at \$2.00 each. Order from The Biblical Recorder, 121 West Hargett Street, Raleigh, N. C.

Submitted by request
Mrs. Winfrey Luffman

The Stone Mountain Association wishes to sincerely thank the former officials, C. C. Blevins, Moderator, Odell Whittington, Clerk and Jasper G. Chipman, Treasurer for their work in promoting the interests of the Association during the past year.

We pray God's richest blessings on each of them.

Glenn Dancy, Sr.,
Airley Myers,
Committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Stony Ridge and Union Baptist Churches and to the people of the community for their kindness and hospitality during our Associational meetings. They have our deepest appreciation for the generous way in which they cared for us, and we feel deeply grateful for the christian fellowship and spirit of love we have enjoyed during these meetings.

May the blessings of our Lord abide with you always.

Respectfully submitted,
Woodrow Wishon
Ralph Collins
Jasper Chipman
Committee.

We, The Committee on Resolutions, wish to express our deep appreciation to the ladies who prepared such a fine lunch and served it so graciously. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. We are very thankful, indeed, for the privilege of coming to Stony Ridge Church; meeting its members and the people of the community. The spirit of love and christian fellowship was wonderfully expressed and we shall look forward with much pleasure to our next visit. We hope that our coming together at this meeting may bind us closer in christian fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy W. Franklin
Troy Pruitt
Committee.

On motion reports of Committees on Resolutions adopted.

Adjourn. Song "Amazing Grace."

Benediction by Bro. Dean Dillard.

The next annual session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association will be held on Friday, September 28, 1956, with Bethel Baptist Church and on Saturday, September 29, 1956, with Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

The fifty-ninth annual session of The Stone Mountain Baptist Association came to an end on Saturday, September 24, 1955, with a handshake and from the deep interest manifested leads us to believe that this was one of our best meetings.

IN MEMORIAM

BAPTIST HOME—Mrs. Leah Hayes, Mrs. Mary Church

BENHAM—Herman Hayes

BETHEL—Mrs. Center Elledge, Mrs. George Elledge

ELK SPUR—Mrs. Matilda McCann

FAIRPLAINS—Mrs. Isabelle Shepherd, Mrs. Minnie Yates

FLINT HILL—Mrs. Minnie Clonch

HAYMEADOW—Deacon Irvin Sebastian, Arthur Elledge

KNOBBS—J. D. McCann, James Anderson

MAPLE GROVE—Mrs. Liza Jane Whitley, Mrs. Frankie
Hawkins, Theophilus Yale

MOUNT PISGAH—Miss Ellen Billings

OAK GROVE—Everette Yates

OAK RIDGE—Miss Lura Johnson

PINEY GROVE—Brownlow Holbrook

PLEASANT RIDGE—D. A. (Tink) Carter

ROARING GAP—Mrs. Janie Lyon, Mrs. Mary Woodruff,
Mrs. Martha Warren

ROCK SPRINGS—Mrs. L. C. Hall

STONY RIDGE—James Bauguess

TRAPHILL—H. E. Billings

UNION—Mrs. J. T. Bumgarner, John Walker

WALNUT GROVE—Mrs. Emaline Farrington, Mrs. Cora
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SUMMARY TABLE—

CHURCHES	Location R. V. T. C.		Year Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES		SUPERINTENDENTS											Baptisms		Additions by Letter	Total Membership (Inc. Non-Resident)	S. S. Enrolment (Inc. Mission Schools)	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Training Union Enl	W. M. U. Enrolment	Brotherhood Enl	Total Value Church Property (Including Pastor's Home)	Total Gifts For All Purposes	Total Mission Expenditures	Pastor's Annual Salary																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	

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The next annual session will be held with Maple Grove Baptist Church on Friday September 20th., 1957, and with Oak Ridge Baptist Church on Saturday, September 21st., 1957.

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 Iva Sebastian, Hays
 Clifton Prevette, Roaring River

CHURCHES WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF PASTORS

BAPTIST HOME Harvey White, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro
 BENHAM M. L. Blevins, Hays
 BETHEL Albert Pruitt, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro
 CHESTNUT GROVE Vacant
 DEHART Milo Huie, Winston-Salem
 ELK SPUR Harrison Barker, Roaring River
 FAIRPLAINS Wayne Hendren, Wilkesboro
 FLINT HILL Ernest Blevins, Hays
 HAYMEADOW Dean Dillard, McGrady

Knobbs	Leroy Luffman, Elkin
Maple Grove	Roy Franklin, Hays
Mt. Pisgah	Ernest Blevins, Hays
Mt. Zion	Watson Bryant, R. 1 N. Wilkesboro
Mountain Valley	Hunter Church, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro
Mountain View	M. L. Blevins, Hays
New Light	Hillery Blevins, Hays
Oak Grove	
Oak Ridge	Bill Pruitt, Hays
Piney Grove	Ernest Blevins, Hays
Pleasant Ridge	J. L. Powers, Hays
Pleasant View	W. H. Caldwell, N. Wilkesboro
Roaring Gap	Hillery Blevins, Hays
Rock Springs	Richard Byrd, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro
Stony Ridge	L. E. Sparks, Traphill
Traphill	H. L. Martin, Elkin
Union	A. W. Eller, Purlear
Walnut Grove	Bill Pruitt, Hays

CHURCH CLERKS

Baptist Home	
Benham	Clifford Jordan, R. 2, Elkin
Bethel	Otto Rhodes, R. 1, Hays
Chestnut Grove	Lloyd Roten, Wilbar
Dehart	E. E. Rhodes, McGrady
Elk Spur	Marvin Lyon, Roaring Gap
Fairplains	Lonnie Haynes, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro
Flint Hill	Glenn Burchette, N. Wilkesboro
Haymeadow	R. M. Elledge, Hays
Knobbs	Link Spicer, Elkin
Maple Grove	A. C. Yale, Jr., Box 375, N. Wilkesboro
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Mt. Zion	J. H. Faw, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro
Mountain Valley	Gwyn Hayes, N. Wilkesboro
Mountain View	Eldon Woodruff, Hays
New Light	Clifton Prevette, Hays
Oak Grove	
Oak Ridge	Bruce Johnson, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro
Piney Grove	H. J. Spicer, Hays
Pleasant Ridge	Alex. Carter, State Road
Pleasant View	Earl Royall, Box 707, Elkin
Roaring Gap	W. R. Dejournette, Traphill
Rock Springs	Lorene Handy, McGrady
Stony Ridge	G. B. Crabbe, Traphill
Traphill	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill
Union	Burl Bumgarner, R. 4, N. Wilkesboro
Walnut Grove	Bob Johnson, R. 1, Hays

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Baptist Home—	John McGrady, I. F. Elledge, Mrs. Bell Dancy
Benham—	Otis Byrd, Marcus Tucker, Clifford Jordan
Bethel—	Ernest Miller, Philo Rhoades, Lewis Rhoades
Chestnut Grove—	Claude Absher, Lloyd Roten, McKinley Absher
Dehart—	O. C. Rhodes, W. R. Handy, Percy Sebastian
Elk Spur—	L. M. Higgins, Marvin Lyon, W. E. Hicks
Fairplains—	Odell Jones, Richard Pardue, Arthur Marlow

FLINT HILL—Mrs. Walter Stone, Everette Jones, Mrs. Everette Jones
 HAYMEADOW—R. M. Elledge, B. M. Cleary, I. E. Sebastian
 KNOBBS—Link Spicer, C. S. Lyon, Brady Cheek
 MAPLE GROVE—Glenn Dancy, Sr., Mrs. Fieldon Johnson, Mrs. Nona Cleary
 MT. PISGAH—Eldon Holloway, Dale Gambill, John A. Absher
 MT. ZION—R. C. Dancy, J. H. Faw, Mrs. R. C. Dancy
 MOUNTAIN VALLEY—J. C. Kilby, Gwyn Hayes, T. H. Kilby
 MOUNTAIN VIEW—Mrs. Lemon Watkins, Mrs. Bill White, Mrs. Claude Brewer
 NEW LIGHT—Clifton Prevette, Raymond Garriss, Earl Prevette
 OAK GROVE
 OAK RIDGE—Bruce Johnson, Harrison Felts, Mrs. Bernice Harrold
 PINEY GROVE—H. J. Spicer, J. W. Huie, J. W. Mayberry
 PLEASANT RIDGE—B. W. Carter, Mrs. B. W. Carter, Alex Carter, Mrs. Burr Hutchison, Pless Hanes
 PLEASANT VIEW—Harvey Haynes, Grady Norman, Mrs. Grady Norman
 ROARING GAP—Mackie Royall, Dewey Nicholson, Charlie Hanks
 ROCK SPRINGS—Van Wyatt, Montie Reeves, Muncie Absher
 STONY RIDGE—G. B. Crabbe, David Pruitt, Avery Brooks
 TRAPHILL—Mrs. Bert Brown, Mrs. Sam Holbrook, Mrs. R. C. Pruitt
 UNION—Hamp Taylor, Jesse Staley, Mrs. Edna Whittington
 WALNUT GROVE—Clyde Handy, W. M. Pruitt, Bill Gambill

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates chosen by the churches and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church letters certifying their appointments, communicating information relative to the state of the church and may make an oral report of the interests and progress thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer. The last two offices may be held by the same brother. These elections may be held in such a way as the Association may direct.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings, of business; to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order and to perform other duties pertaining to the office. In the absence of the Moderator the Vice-Moderator shall perform these duties.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds received and all monies paid out and shall make a report of same every three months to the clerk of each church.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all plans for each annual meeting of the Association; to consider all letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding associations or our State Baptist Board requiring any attention thereon, and to report same back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage but shall be considered as an advisory council in

all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be in the province of the Association to correspond with nearby, sister associations of our faith and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and for the purpose there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, including the Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to direct such work; to approve receipts and disbursements of funds and any other duty the Association may direct.

14th. At each annual session there may be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers Relief, Home for the Aging, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes, Time, Place and Preacher for the next session and any other reports the Association deems necessary.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place or places as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish churches with minutes of her proceedings and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that this may be compiled in the minutes. Each church shall also urge their Pastor to attend each annual session of the Association and make provisions to enable him to do so.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members concurring; the Churches having been previously notified.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as

another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1st. We believe in only one true and living God; father, son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5th. We believe that sinners are called, converted and regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subject of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode is by immersion.

7th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8th. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

Sixtieth Annual Session

of the

STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with

BETHEL AND WALNUT GROVE CHURCHES

September 21 and 22, 1956

SEPTEMBER 21st. BETHEL CHURCH

Morning Session

The morning session was called to order at 10 o'clock with the Moderator, Bro. M. L. Blevins, presiding. Bro. John McGrady led the singing of the opening hymn "Are You Ready."

Upon a roll call of the churches 26 were represented.

At this time ministers, pastors and visitors were recognized.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR

This is to tell you how your Associational Missionary spent her time during the past year.

247 visits to Churches

8112 miles traveled

1214 cards and letters written

4500 bulletins published and distributed

2 Sunday School study courses taught (5 nights each)

2 Training Union study courses taught (5 nights each)

2 Mission study courses taught (1 night each)

1 Group Mission study arranged and teacher provided (6 churches)

18 Vacation Bible Schools. Prepared and mimeographed Worship Service programs for all Schools; provided textbooks, supplies, etc. where needed. With summer worker, Miss Lucy Luffman, planned and conducted 13 of the schools, providing necessary supplies and handwork materials.

Attended 26 meetings outside of Association in line with work

Attended 18 Associational meetings

Prepared and mimeographed programs for 9 Associational meetings

Gave advance publicity for Associational meetings to North Wilkesboro and Elkin papers and radio stations.

Sent various news items and pictures to the Biblical Recorder both for Association and individual Churches.

Prepared and mailed 100 letters in interest of Homes for the Aging

Served as secretary of Sunday School Convention (also treasurer).

Prepared manuscript for S. S. Convention minutes for the printer and distributed 700 copies. Directed plans for full Sunday School organization in the Association. Arranged for Sunday School planning meeting to be held in October.

Served as Associational Superintendent of Woman's Missionary Union
Arranged for and secured State worker for Vacation Bible School Clinic
Assisted with plans and programs in the Associational Training Union and in arranging schedule for summer work in Training Unions of 8 Churches.

Prepared budget for 1 Church

Arranged for Foreign Missionary (Mrs. J. T. McRae of the Near East) to speak in 3 Churches.

4 new Training Unions organized—1 by Training Union Director, 2 by your Associational Missionary and assisted with plans and materials for another.

Arranged for Dr. J. C. Pipes to preach for a week in Association in various Churches.

Worked with Dr. Earle Bradley, State Secretary of Promotion, in bringing State Baptist leaders to 21 Churches for 3 nights Missions Emphasis services.

Assisted Pastors and Church officials in writing reports, filling out blanks, preparing and arranging programs, providing information and materials.

My thanks to every one who has had a part in promoting the work of the Stone Mountain Association and to all whose combined efforts have made possible the accomplishment of those tasks.

My thanks to God for his guidance and mercy and for His blessings during the past year. My prayers for the continued leadership of the Holy Spirit for the work of the Association in the days ahead,

and that we may be faithful stewards of all that has been committed to our care.

Mrs. Winfrey Luffman,
Associational Missionary.

On motion report was adopted.

On motion the oral report of Bro. Odell Whittington, Associational Clerk, was adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF

Down through the years we have been blessed with the work and prayers of our leaders. These old men of God have been the ones who have kept the "lights burning". These old preachers who clung to the faith and kept spreading the glad tidings of great joy to the world are entitled to every assistance we can possibly give them. They did not live in the days when The Minister's Retirement Fund was available, nor when The Social Security Act was in effect. Neither were they salaried pastors but by the help of the Holy Spirit they spent the best years of their lives in carrying on the work of the Master. To-day our ministers do not fear want in their old age. They are protected by the ministers' retirement fund or Social Security. On the other hand our aged ministers do not enjoy this security and it devolves upon us to see that they are supplied with the comforts of life. We have greatly neglected this work; have given very little and now is the time to redeem ourselves and give liberally of our resources. Let us consider this A MUST for all of us and endeavor to do better in the future than we have ever done in the past. We, as pastors, must ask our congregations to contribute liberally to this cause. Our aged ministers need assistance and ours is the responsibility for supplying this need.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Blevins
R. C. Dancy
Carey Johnson

Committee.

The foregoing report on aged ministers' relief was submitted by the committee and on motion the report was adopted.

Commenting on this report Bro. R. C. Dancy said we had failed to adequately support the fund for aged ministers relief and urged the Association to redouble its efforts in the matter of this fund.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received.

Offering at first day of Association to apply on Mrs.	
Luffman's salary	\$ 109.13
Offering taken on second day of Association to apply on	
Mrs. Luffman's salary for Sept.	\$ 74.56
Received from State Board to apply on Mrs. Luffman's	
salary for 12 months	\$1080.00
Received from 21 churches for 12 months, as listed below.....	\$1097.41
	\$2361.10

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Benham	\$ 102.07	Mtn. View	\$ 67.00
Baptist Home	\$ 100.00	New Light	\$ 35.41
Bethel	\$ 7.00	Oak Grove	
Chestnut Grove		Oak Ridge	\$ 30.00
Dehart		Piney Grove	\$ 6.00
Elkspur		Pleasant Ridge	\$ 200.00
Fairplains	\$ 100.00	Pleasant View	\$ 21.88
Flint Hill		Roaring Gap	\$ 46.93
Haymeadow	\$ 43.00	Rock Springs	\$ 11.05
Knobbs	\$ 43.95	Stony Ridge	\$ 40.00
Maple Grove	\$ 88.00	Traphill	\$ 15.00
Mt. Pisgah		Union	\$ 50.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 5.00	Walnut Grove	\$ 15.18
Mtn. Valley	\$ 60.00		
			\$1097.41

(Vacation Bible School Help)

Lucy Luffman	\$175.00
Grace Poe	\$175.00
(S. L. Blevins—Honorary Pastor of six churches	\$.....)

Disbursed

Paid Mrs. Luffman salary for the year	\$2160.00
Back salary due Mrs. Luffman	\$ 98.58
Stamps	\$ 1.00
	\$2259.58
Balance end of year	\$ 101.52

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Pruitt, Treasurer

On motion report adopted.

RECOMMENDATION OF TREASURER TO CHURCHES

1—All churches operating on a budget please send in offering for Associational Missionary to the treasurer as soon as possible. Those not on a budget please send in offering as soon as possible after the 5th Sunday.

2—The Treasurer of all churches send Associational offerings direct to the Treasurer of the Association so as to eliminate confusion and simplify keeping the records.

The Moderator, Bro. M. L. Blevins, submitted an oral report and on motion the report was adopted.

ORGANIZATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Moderator Bro. Minter L. Blevins, Hays.

Vice Moderator Bro. Carroll Dancy, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro

Clerk Bro. Odell Whittington, Wilbar

Treasurer Bro. Bill Pruitt, Hays.

Sermon by Bro. Roy Franklin using as his subject: "By Grace You Are Saved."

Hymn by the congregation.

Benediction by Bro. S. L. Blevins.

Adjourned for lunch to re-assemble at one o'clock.

Re-assembled at one o'clock for the transaction of business.

Meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Song by the congregation.

Opening prayer by Bro. Woodrow Cooper.

Brothers M. S. Walker, N. P. Myers and S. L. Blevins, were present for the sixtieth session of our Associational Meeting.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Some people seem to get a great deal of satisfaction just in seeing the wheels of organization turn or in the privilege of administering an organization. But, this is not a sufficient or worthy motive for Sunday School work.

Love for the Christ of the Bible and the desire that all men shall know and love and follow him must be the motivation of all we do in Sunday School.

If all our Sunday Schools in the Stone Mountain Association have a perfect organization and do not teach the Bible in God's sight, we will accomplish nothing.

If all the Sunday Schools in the Stone Mountain Association have record breaking attendance but fail to help their members learn the word of God, our Sunday Schools will be a failure.

If all the Sunday Schools in the Stone Mountain Association provide ample space for every possibility and do not utilize that space for Bible study, our Sunday Schools would not justify their existence.

If all the Sunday Schools in the Stone Mountain Association follow the best teaching methods and fail to apply them to the task of bringing their pupils under the power of scriptural truth, our Sunday Schools would be throwing away their greatest opportunity.

If all the Sunday Schools in the Stone Mountain Association had the very latest in modern equipment and let our members go untaught in things of Christ, our Sunday Schools would deserve to be shut down.

The study and teaching of the Bible is the heart of Sunday School work. Good organization, adequate buildings, modern equipment, faithful visitation, trained teachers—all exist for one purpose; namely, to get the Bible studied so that its message may become a part of the lives of the pupils. These things are necessary but cannot take the place of Bible teaching and Bible study.

The Sunday School teacher, because he is a Bible teacher, is a key person in the progress of the Kingdom of God. General officers, department officers and class officers all function to the end that the way may be opened for the teacher to have the best possible opportunity to teach God's word.

It is only through the Scriptures that we can know the things God intends for us to know and which we must know if we are to become His children and live lives worthy of such a high calling. Therefore, the Bible, the Word of God, must ever be the textbook of the Sunday School. This is true of every age group.

Our Sunday Schools are schools of Christ, in order that people, young and old, may learn of Him and, learning of Him, may come to love, trust and obey Him. We must make it our aim so to teach the Bible that its central character will shine forth in all of His divine

glory. Then, our pupils, beholding the beauty of His matchless person, full of grace and truth, will be led to yield their lives to His blessed control.

On motion the above report on Sunday Schools was adopted.

B. W. Carter

Brother Troy Perry made a very able, instructive, and entertaining talk on the importance of proper training for our young people in Sunday Schools.

Brother W H. Caldwell gave the assembled congregation some pertinent facts in regard to Sunday School attendance, and stressed the importance of not merely sending your children to Sunday School but to be a pal to them and go with them.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

There are thousands of people in North Carolina to-day who would like to say "Thank you" to the baptists for making it possible for them to obtain treatment in our Baptist Hospital regardless of whether they were able to pay or not. Due to the services rendered these people by the skilled personnel of the hospital many are now well and strong, earning a living and enjoying health and strength which otherwise they would not have.

Our Baptist Hospital in co-operation the The Bowman-Gray School of Medicine, is the means of giving to thousands of people in all walks of life, the advantage of having the best doctors and surgeons of our day available at all times. They are ready every hour of the day or night when their services are needed. The Out Patient Clinic has taken care of approximately 50,000 visits this past year and a large majority of the people receiving treatment at this clinic were unable to pay any part of the cost of treatment.

The only means of carrying on this great work is by contributing generously toward the expense of caring for our more unfortunate brothers, and our Mother's Day offering is set apart especially for this purpose. It is our duty as christians to help in this ministry, and to work harder and pray more for God in His wisdom to use us in carrying on the work. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" may the Lord help the members of this Association to contribute liberally at our "Mothers' Day Offering" that we may feel justly proud of our part in this great work of mercy and rehabilitation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. and M. D. Yale

O. C. Rhodes

Jasper Chipman.

On motion report adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Since the beginning of the Baptist Orphanage, around seventy years ago, it has been a cherished object in our church life. From a tiny little stream it has become a broad, deep river requiring a vast outlay to meet the necessities of its ever widening work, and with the increased cost of living the monthly contributions and Thanksgiving offerings should be larger this year than ever before. We urge our Sunday Schools, in the name of Christ, whose love for the orphan child was supreme, to give liberally.

During 1955 there was a call at the home for eight hundred and twenty-four children. A home should have been provided for each

child but only one hundred and twenty seven of these children were accepted. Our kind baptist workers at the home had to say no to six hundred and eighty seven children because there was not room or money enough to provide a home for them. We are responsible for these boys and girls, and their happiness and education is in our hands.

God has given us a golden opportunity to provide homes and care for orphan children. If we fail to day our churches will fail tomorrow. This is one of the many, and one of the greatest ways, to serve our Master. May we support this institution with our money and our prayers.

Mrs. Bert Brown
H. E. Blevins
Everette Hight
Committee

The committee submitted the above report on our Baptist Orphanage and upon motion it was adopted.

Brother Morse Grant, Editor of "Charity and Children" gave the Association a short talk on our responsibilities for the care and education of our orphan children. The talk was very interesting and instructive and appreciated by all present.

Brother G. B. Crabbe made a motion to have a photograph of Bro. John Burcham included in he Associational Minutes.

The motion was adopted by the Association.

The meeting was adjourned to meet with Walnut Grove Church tomorrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Bro. Dollie Eller.



Rev. John Burcham was born March 5, 1873, died July 14, 1956. He was a lifelong Baptist and a minister for almost 47 years. He was ordained to the work of minister at Stony Ridge Church on Aug. 21, 1909. He served as pastor of New Light, Rachel and Stony Ridge churches for many years.

MEETING WITH WALNUT GROVE CHURCH

September 22, 1956.

The Association met with Walnut Grove Church this morning and was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. M. L. Blevins, who presided over the meeting.

The hymn "Blessed Assurance" was sung by the congregation.

Bro. Major Caudill conducted the devotional evercises.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

People must have the Bible because it presents Jesus Christ, the one hope of men and nations.

Each person must have the Bible in his own language because it speaks to his heart as no other language can speak.

The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. He uses it in every form of mission work. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go. It can stay on after he must leave—and keep on speaking to a man's heart!

The American Bible Society aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment and distributes them without profit, usually below cost. For the Blind it supplies Scriptures in raised-letter systems and on Talking Book records. The Bible Society serves every form of Southern Baptist mission work around the world. During 1955 the American Bible Society—

—helped to publish Bibles in Russia by giving to Russian Baptist leaders, mats made from our printing plates—which they are using to print 50,000 Russian Bibles.

—helped the Japan Bible Society publish the full Bible in Colloquial Japanese, every-day language easily understood by all the people. This opens the Book to many millions of new readers and is stimulating interest in Bible reading.

—donated 1,397,100 Scripture volumes for distribution by Chaplains to our Armed Forces, providing a vital link between the home churches and the men in service.

—distributed throughout the world almost 15 million volumes of Scriptures.

Southern Baptists Support the Work

Because the Bible Society serves mission work — and because Southern Baptist missionaries depend on the Society for Scriptures they need for distribution in their own work — Southern Baptist churches give to the American Bible Society.

In 1955 Southern Baptist churches again broke their own record by giving \$115,631 to their Bible Society — but again stood in second place, exceeded by Methodist gifts of \$139,151. Gifts from all denominations totaled \$804,998.

The help of every Southern Baptist Church is urgently needed. Every Church should be able to give at least \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Please send gifts to your Baptist state office marked "For American Bible Society."

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. Blevins

On motion report adopted.

Bro. Clifton Prevette made a very able talk on the wonderful work being done by The American Bible Society.

REPORT ON THE HOME FOR THE AGING

The Homes are in their sixth, and greatest, year of operation.

Construction of the Administration and Dormitory Building began in February. It should be completed by the end of the year, and ready for occupancy by February 1, 1957.

North Carolina Baptists have good reason to be proud of this new building, which, when completed and equipped, will add one-half million dollars to the total value of the Homes. What is more encouraging, there is reason to believe that the total cost of the new building will be paid for by the time it is occupied, if our 3,200 Baptist churches will respond with a generous Special Day offering on the third Sunday of February, 1957.

The added facilities of the new building will make it possible to care for 100 residents—20 at Resthaven, 36 at Albemarle Home, and 44 in the new building. Of this number, less than 10 will be part-time helpers. Moreover, a greater ministry to our aging residents will be possible because of the extra facilities in the new building. Among these will be ample space for craft shops, sun parlors, library, infirmary, and other additional features. In fact, the new building was planned and is being constructed to provide a well rounded program with the most up-to-date facilities.

Your Homes are putting forth their best efforts to render a ministry of security, comfort, congeniality, and Christian love to our residents.

North Carolina Baptist should keep in mind that their special offering and the share of the Nine Year Program received by the Homes help to make this ministry possible to all who come to the Homes, and especially, to a large number who could not come but for such help.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age forsake me not when my strength faileth."

Respectfully submitted,
Commie Lyon
L. E. Sparks
C. B. Settle
Committee

On motion the above report was adopted.

Bro. James Hayes made a very nice, informative talk dealing with the activities, hopes and aims, of our Home for the Aging. It was well received by the congregation.

REPORT ON MISSIONS AND THE BAPTIST PROGRAM

Missions are the missionary effort on the part of our Baptist program to reach the unsaved for Christ and to teach, enlist and train the saved in giving, living and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

Only about 35 per cent of the church members right here in our own state are being taught and trained in Christian living, giving and serving. This means that 65 per cent of our church members are not dedicated in the Christian profession. This challenge calls for a varied program of mission activity.

1. Our people need to be taught and trained. Therefore, three of the most significant phases of our mission work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, and Rural church departments.

2. Millions of people in the world are lost and need a Savior. The

mission program in the past year has placed special emphasis on evangelism. The convention wide crusade netted the greatest results in baptisms in the history of the convention.

3. The mission program, to function properly, needs more intelligent congregations led by better trained pastors. Pastor schools are provided by our State Mission Board and refresher courses are offered from time to time for the benefit of all pastors and their wives.

4. The colored races in our midst constitute a large percentage of our population. Our mission program seeks to minister to them in a limited degree but we should do more. Ours is the major denomination in the south so they are our responsibility.

5. Our denominational leaders of tomorrow must be trained today in cooperation and loyalty. The Mission Board is girding it's forces in preparation for the convention's emphasis in 1957 on World Mission Year.

Therefore, will you, as an individual, and you as a church do your part so that the Great Commission might be obeyed—and that these rich ministries might be continued to the extent that next year the world might be more Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Harvey L. Privette

On motion the above report on Missions and the Baptist Program was adopted.

Brother Hunter Church favored us with a very interesting talk on the aims, purposes and accomplishments of our Missions and Program. Bro. Church's talk was an inspiration to all of us.

Sermon by Bro. J. L. Powers using as a text John 15.

Meeting was adjourned until one o'clock for lunch.

Benediction by Bro. S. L. Blevins.

The meeting re-assembled at one o'clock for the transaction of business. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. S. L. Blevins, who presided over the deliberations.

Song by the congregation: "Great Reunion"

Prayer by Bro. Wayne Hendren.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

In making a report on periodicals, I would suggest that a more extensive study of the Bible be made by our Baptist people. I find in my ministerial work that most of the controversies among our people, and the difference of opinion concerning the faith, is brought about by not having a thorough knowledge of the Word of God. This knowledge can be obtained only by reading and studying the Bible first.

In order to help us understand the Bible and the Baptist work more, there are many periodicals available to us through the Baptist Program namely:

Our Sunday School Lesson Quarterlies

Biblical Recorder

Charity and Children

The Baptist Program

and others. These should be in every home because they are enlightening, informative and challenging.

I also feel safe in saying that half of our Baptist will go to Sunday School on Sunday morning, if they go at all, without having made a complete study of the Sunday School Lesson. To anyone who

does not believe this to be true, find out in your Sunday School class by asking, before anyone has looked at the lesson that morning, how many can give you an outline of that Sunday's lesson. You might be astonished!

Can we truly say that we have met the standards of Christian living if we fail to provide our homes with more Christian reading materials?

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bill L. Pruitt

The above report on periodicals was submitted by the committee and the matter was ably discussed by Bro. Roy Burchette. On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In general, the Baptist program of Christian education includes the teaching ministry of the Christian home, the local church with its varied programs, the Baptist schools and colleges supported by the Conventions within the various states, and our Southwide seminaries. Fostering Christian Education should be one of the most important functions of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association.

We are constantly striving through our Christian Educational program to help our youth better understand the Omnipotence of God, believing that in so doing, they will understand and take on human qualities that will be pleasing to our Master. Christian philosophy throughout the ages has reminded us that we must constantly put forth a determined effort to teach our youth to better understand and appreciate a Christian citizenship.

For the purpose of our immediate consideration, it should be noted that the impact of the present tidal wave of youth is resulting in ever-growing needs for expansion in all areas of Christian education. The presence of these children in greater numbers in our homes constitutes a new opportunity and a challenge for Christian parents. It is not surprising that practically all our local Baptist churches are expanding their teaching facilities to meet these growing demands upon them. Southern Baptists are now anticipating the expansion of seminary facilities to provide for one or more additional seminaries for the training of the 5,885 students enrolled during the past year as well as the thousands of others seeking admission. In our Baptist colleges in the Southern Baptist Convention territory there were enrolled more than 55,000 young people during the last college year.

Here in North Carolina in our seven Baptist colleges—namely, Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan—we had a total enrollment of 5,921 students, and already more than this number have been accepted for the coming college year. Recognizing the ever-growing need for additional schools and colleges for the training of Baptist youth, our leaders in eastern North Carolina are expressing deep concern for a more effective Baptist witness through the establishment of one or more new colleges.

Each of the seven colleges now in operation is engaged in expanding its plant facilities in both housing and class rooms to meet the ever-growing needs. Great foundations and corporations are manifesting unusual interest not only in these Baptist colleges but in all other church-related colleges in the land. Our North Carolina Baptist colleges are not being overlooked because of their own efforts and the efforts of our Baptist State Convention to provide and support better colleges.

Of the 750 students enrolled as ministerial and mission volunteers

in our North Carolina Baptist colleges, 450 are training for the ministry. In addition to this 12 per cent of the student enrollment there are hundreds of others training to become ministers of music, directors of religious education and church secretaries. It is likely that at least 20 per cent of the students enrolled in our seven Baptist colleges are preparing themselves for some full-time church vocation. In addition, a majority of the young women graduating from Meredith College are prepared to become teachers in the public schools of North Carolina, and a large number of the graduates of Wake Forest enter the teaching profession. When we add to this number those that are being trained in such professions as medicine, law and business, we realize that graduates of our Baptist colleges are carrying the Christian witness of our denomination not only through our churches but through the many channels of our modern society.

The church and the church school has a most vital role to play in molding the boys and girls into christian citizens. We cannot expect our colleges and seminaries to be eminently successful in training our boys and girls unless we lay the ground work for a christian education in our churches and church schools. We can help this process by seeing that our children attend church and Sunday School regularly and by making available to them all training offered by churches and church schools.

Perhaps the most powerful factor contributing to a successful Christian Citizenship is the home. It is here that the very foundation of Christian qualities of character and personality are formed. It is the home training of dedicated fathers and mothers that indelibly imprints upon the minds of our youth that which is good and lasting. It is here that our youth begin to learn the difference between right and wrong, and this Christian influence is an invaluable aid in helping our youth to better understand the Christian way of life. The Roman Church feels that the training of youth in their early years is so important that they say, if a child is trained in Roman Catholicism for his first seven years that no matter what his subsequent training, he will not depart from it. Modern Psychologists today tell us that the personality of the child, as well as his general behavior pattern, is largely developed by the age of ten.

It is important therefore, that Stone Mountain Baptist Association support whole heartedly and with diligence a program of Christian Education, as an intelligent Christian Citizenship is the greatest need in the world today.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul W. Gregory
Chairman

The above report on Christian Education was submitted by Bro. Gregory and on motion the report was adopted.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

1. The duty of the minister is preaching. Without this, any church is dead. I speak now of the kind of preaching that will melt the stony heart of sinners and bring them to Christ and then; plenty of meat and milk to keep them growing. I have yet to see a growing christian who gives any trouble in the church, or that the devil had much of a chance at.

Of course any good pastor visits the sick, widows, and orphans, and others as much as possible not to neglect his study of the bible, his prayers, and preparation for the pulpit. If we of the ministry expect people in any sizable number to grace our sanctuary on Sunday

morning, we must have a message worthy of their attendance.

The duties of a pastor take long hours, much patience, and a great love for God and His people.

2. The church is a body of baptised believers in Christ and as such should be so closely woven together that they will follow God's man in whatever program he may feel led to bring before them without friction. They should back him with their presence at all times and in every service. They should uphold him against any and all who would tear him or his program down, remembering that there is nothing so delicate as a preacher's character.

At all times the members of a church should hold their pastor up with their prayers.

In closing let me suggest that if this is not the case in your church, it may be a good time to take a spiritual inventory.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. R. W. Hendren
G. B. Crabbe

The above report on Pastors and Church Relations was given careful consideration and on motion was adopted by the Association.

A motion was introduced by Bro. Bill Prevette to instruct the Associational Clerk to have as many Associational Minutes printed as the funds on hand would pay for after deducting necessary postage for mailing out the Minutes. The motion was discussed and motion adopted.

Brother S. L. Blevins spoke at some length on the responsibilities confronting us as christians, emphasising the fact that we are living in a new day and that we must face the challenge realizing that we must work and pray or the influence of our churches will decline and die.

On the whole much progress has been made during the past year a lot of which cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Our Associational Missionary has been a strong influence in leading the people of our Association in greater unity.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Nominating Committee, recommend for Executive Committee:

Glenn Dancy, Sr., Troy Perry, Carey Johnson, Wade Barlow, G. B. Crabbe.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. Yale, Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN

What is the Ministers Retirement Plan?

1. The Ministers Retirement Plan is a contributory Annuity Plan administered by our denomination, to provide a living income for the minister in old age, or to assist him at an earlier date should he become disabled.

2. Those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel all the time.

3. The plan is not to encourage men to retire, men who are called of God "should be active as long as possible; but, in the providence of God" he will of necessity lay aside his labors eventually.

Advantage To The Minister

1. The purpose of the plan is to free the pastor's mind and heart of care for material provisions, so he can give his best to the preaching of the Gospel of "Christ."

The Call In Middle Age

1. Churches need not fear to call a Pastor in middle age, if they know he will be provided for if he must lay aside his ministry from old age or disability.

Disability

1. It must be total, and permanent in the judgment of competent medical advisers.

2. It could be of a Physical or Mental nature that prevents a Minister from carrying out his duties as a Minister.

How Long Must He Be A Member Before He Can Draw?

1. If a member has rendered as much as five years in the service in the Convention, and has actively participated one full year, the accumulated funds of the Churches and the Convention will also be applied to provide the Annuity.

In such an instance, the annuity will be 30% of the previous years salary basis, but not to exceed \$500 per year.

Age Of Retirement

1. You must have been in the ministers Retirement Plan at least one year and must have attained 65 years of age.

The Maximum

1. You must have been in the plan 25 years.

2. It is based on the salary average between ages 40-65 or 2% for each year of service.

Full Participation

1. Brother A entered the ministry at age 25 and started immediately in the Ministers Retirement Plan. His annuity will be the maximum of 50 percent of his average salary during the period of his last 25 years preceding retirement. If his salary average from age 40 to 65 was \$3,000 per year, he will receive an annuity of \$1,500 per year.

Brother B entered the ministry at age 45 and started the Plan immediately. He will receive credit of 2 percent per annum for each year of service preceding retirement. If he retires at 65 he will have 20 years of service, which will entitle him to 40 percent of his salary average. Assuming his salary average at \$3,000 per year, his annuity will be 40 percent of \$3,000, or \$1,200 per year.

The Best Insurance

1. Let us return to the case of Brother A, who began his ministry and participation at age 25. Since his salary average during the last 25 years of participation was \$3,000, his annuity would be \$1,500 per year. To purchase the same retirement annuity through the insurance company, he would pay about \$317.75 per year, whereas in the Ministers Retirement Plan he paid only \$90 per year.

Roy W. Franklin

On motion report adopted.

HISTORY OF WALNUT GROVE CHURCH

Walnut Grove Church has, indeed, a proud heritage of achievement christian service and influence extending over a large section for many years. It has been instrumental in influencing and shaping the lives and characters of some of our best known citizens who have occupied high positions in our county and whose lives of christian service have left their indelible imprint on the lives of those in the various communities in which they have resided.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church had its beginning in the organization of Mount Zion Church which was organized on the 3rd. Saturday in February, 1848, by seventeen members of the New Covenant Church who had withdrawn their membership from that church. At this time Bro. Aaron Brown was elected church clerk and served in this capacity for 14 years. The records do not show the pastors name. In 1872 James Shumate was elected pastor and J. E. Hall clerk. At this time there came a division in the church. Seventeen members remained together in our Association, then known as Mount Union Association, under the name "Walnut Grove." The Mount Zion Church then affiliated itself with the Primitive Baptists.

About the year 1878 the Walnut Grove Church elected Brother C. Blevins, (better known as Uncle Callie Blevins) pastor who served it continuously for more than 40 years. At this time John M. Brown, Samuel J. Gambill, with the pastor, were the leaders in the church and from these three men has descended a long line of influential men and women whose christian lives and service have been an inspiration to several generations. Among them have been 14 Ministers of the Gospel, 3 doctors, 1 lawyer and 3 county officials and a number of prominent business and professional men. Some of the outstanding being Sheriff Brown, C. C. Gambill, Dr. Ira S. Gambill and J. E. Caudill.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, the committee on Time, Place and Preacher, respectfully designate the following times and places for our next Associational meeting.

Maple Grove Baptist Church, Hays on Friday, September 20th, 1957, with Bro. Hunter Church to preach.

Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Hays, on Saturday, September 21st, 1957, with Bro. Albert Pruitt as preacher.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. Yale
Clifton Prevette
I. E. Shumate, Committee.

The above recommendations approved by the Association.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The word temperance applies to our every act. We, as christians, should endeavor to be temperate in all things. However, the greatest problem facing the church, and christian people everywhere in the matter of temperance, is the intemperate use of alcoholic beverages. We have but to check the records of our courts, hospitals, prisons, insane asylums and the "Bloodshed Box Score" of our Highway Commission to realize the enormity of this growing evil. Most cases of murder, rape, arson, and the tragic deaths on the highways, are di-

rectly or indirectly attributal to the excessive use of alcohol.

This is the colossal evil against which the church, and the christian membership, must wage an unceasing battle. We, as representatives of the church and all it stands for, should join in a nation wide campaign for Christian Citizenship and against increasing alcoholism and drinking. Our goal should include the promotion of political and social morality and the reduction of drink associated crime and juvenile delinquency.

Under present conditions both children and adults are under constant pressure in their home to drink and drink more. The alcoholic beverage industry's advertising is a cradle to the grave program to recruit drinkers.

Temperance education, which tells the people the truth about alcohol, will create a foundation for better christian citizenship. We should place special emphasis on youth work, especially in our colleges and high schools, and on efforts to secure federal legislation prohibiting advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio, television and in interstate commerce. Let our battle cry be: "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Absher, Jr.

On motion report on temperance was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to extend our sincere thanks to Bethel and Walnut Grove Churches, and to all the people in the communities, for the kindness and hospitality shown us during our Associational Meetings. They have our deepest appreciation for the generous care and fellowship we enjoyed during this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Royal
Harrison Felts
G. B. Crabbe

Committee.

The Sixtieth Annual Session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association closed this afternoon, Saturday, September 22nd, 1956, at the Walnut Grove Baptist Church, the members clasping hands as the congregation sang the old, familiar hymn: "Amazing Grace". All went away feeling that they had been richly blessed and strengthened for the tasks that lay ahead by the contacts and christian fellowship enjoyed during this Associational Meeting.

MINUTE FUND

Total minute fund received	\$174.06
Paid on last year's minutes	14.10
Balance on hand	<u>\$159.96</u>

IN MEMORIAM

BAPTIST HOME—Mrs. Martha Rhodes, Mrs. Eliza Jennings.

BETHEL—Luther Haynes

CHESTNUT GROVE—Mrs. Mollie Haynes

FAIRPLAINS—J. L. Johnson

FLINT HILL—Deacon J. I. Roland, C. E. Anderson

HAYMEADOW—Mrs. Sallie Joines

MT. PISGAH—W. L. Absher

MT. ZION—Mrs. Nelia Whittington

MOUNTAIN VALLEY—Clifford Kilby, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown

MOUNTAIN VIEW—Rev. A. B. Hayes, Mrs. N. P. Myers, Jimmy McNeil

NEW LIGHT—Mrs. Rosa Lee Garris

OAK RIDGE—Clarence Billings, Charlie Brown, Boaz Harrold

PINEY GROVE—Walter Burchette

PLEASANT RIDGE—Troy Luffman, Robert L. Bowers

PLEASANT VIEW—Charlie Parks, Mrs. Carrie Ross

ROARING GAP—Mrs. Mollie Blackburn

STONY RIDGE—John Burcham, Mrs. Lettie Bauguess

TRAPHILL—D. C. Castevens, Mrs. G. W. Childress

UNION—John Walker, Mrs. J. T. Bumgarner

WALNUT GROVE—Mrs. Kizie Pike, L. A. Blevins, Mrs. Sarah Blevins, Deacon Ira Handy.

SUMMARY TABLE

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